

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 4, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: M.J. McCarthy, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Janet Williams, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Office Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding the faculty education waiver for Kristen Borgognone. The packet presented was incomplete. The Board request Ms. Borgognone's current CV and transcript from Southern Connecticut State University. The only waiver the school currently has is a one-year waiver which was granted in September, 2005. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that if the missing documentation is provided to the Board Office, the Board will automatically grant a one-year faculty education waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARY LEE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mary Lee. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lee was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 1, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - JEFFREY MESSINGER, APRN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta S. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jeffrey Messinger. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Messinger was present without counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 1, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA WARREN, APRN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Warren. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Warren was present without counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 1, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

HEARING – KRISTI DOUGHERTY, RN

The hearing convened at 9:43 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dougherty was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing recessed for a short time to handle other business matters.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHERRY STONER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sherry Stoner. Assistant Attorney General Sherry Stoner was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Stoner was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 1, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

Break 10:40 AM – 10:50 AM

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – WILLIAM LaCOURSE, LPN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for William LaCourse. Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – KRISTI DOUGHERTY, RN

Hearing resumed at 10:51 AM. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to seek counsel from the Assistant Attorney General at 11:05 AM. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing resumed at 11:10 AM. Lunch recess at 12:00 PM – 12:44 PM. The hearing resumed at 12:45 PM. The hearing concluded at 1:40 PM and rescheduled for February 8, 2006 at 9:00 AM at Newington location.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that the hearing adjourn at 1:55 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 18, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Office Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding the permanent waiver request for Edith Poidimani. The Board requested further information regarding Ms. Poidimani's clinical experience and what courses she would be teaching. This waiver request will be tabled until the information requested is provided at which time the Board will review the request.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MONICA L. KNIGHT, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Monica L. Knight. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Knight was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 15, 2006.

HEARING – MARY SMYTH, RN

The hearing convened at 9:25 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smyth was present without counsel. During the hearing Ms. Smyth request a continuance which was granted to March 1, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 9:30 AM.

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Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
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Pohn Kwee, Office Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:22 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capital Community College.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Finance Committee in Chicago
- Chair Bafundo will attend the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in Chicago funded by the NCSBN
- NCSBN Delegate Assembly is in Utah in August – NCSBN will fund attendance for two people
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at Saint Joseph College
- Chair Bafundo attended an Emergency Credentialing Meeting regarding the mission to protect the safety of the citizens of Connecticut

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding the permanent waiver request for Edith Poidimani. Carol deBlois was present for this discussion. At the January 18, 2006 the Board had requested further information regarding Ms. Poidimani's clinical experience and what courses she would be teaching and tabled the waiver request until further information was provided. This will be placed on the February 15th agenda.

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding the two faculty education waivers. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Laurie Matney be granted a one year temporary waiver. The motion passed with all in favor. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Joan Graham be granted a one year temporary waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

STONE ACADEMY – PROGRAM APPROVAL FOR EAST HARTFORD LOCATION

Andrew Tierney, Director, and Eleanor Davio, LPN Department Head, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed Stone Academy's submission to the Board's questions resulting from the Department 21, 2005 meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to grant conditional approval of the East Hartford site until review of the first NCLEX scores. In addition, this conditional approval is pending until after the site visit has been completed. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Tierney should contact Deborah Brown at the DPH Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations for new NCLEX codes as a new code is needed for the East Hartford site to distinguish it from the Hamden site. Stone Academy will also need separate codes for the day and evening programs at the East Hartford site.

Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM

NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – SURVEY VISIT

JoAnn Dean, NETI Program Administrator, and five faculty members were present for this discussion of their five-year self-evaluation report. Site visits took place on January 24 & 25, 2006 during which time Donna Canalis visited all three NETI campuses, met with students, and laboratories, computer rooms, office space, and classrooms were observed at each campus. Ms. Canalis observed a lecture presentation at the Shelton campus and a clinical day was spent at the New Britain General Hospital, and the post conference was attended. Meetings were also held with students. The five-year evaluation was in full compliance and the Board acknowledged the 100% NCLEX pass rate for the last six years at all campus sites, and congratulated the faculty on this achievement. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the New England Technical Institute Licensed Practical Nurse Programs be granted Full Approval. The motion passed with all in favor with Brother Francis Smith recusing himself from the discussion and voting. The next review for NETI will be February, 2011.

NCLEX SCORES FOR 2005

The Board reviewed the NCLEX-RN and NCLEX-PN percentages for first time takers. There were four schools which fell below the 80%: Goodwin College – first graduating class, Fairfield University, University of Connecticut, and Vinal Tech. These schools will be requested to attend the next business meeting to present their plan or correction.

FEASIBILITY STUDY OUTLINE

Donna Canalis provided the Board with Draft Feasibility Study Guidelines for the Board's review and their input. Ms. Canalis sent out a fax to all State Boards of Nursing which included questions related to the problems we have been experiencing with institutions requesting new program approval by the Board. Ms. Canalis received 18 responses and found that most states were presently trying to update their guidelines and received very little input.

The following is an outline for a program to be granted initial approval:

- written notice of intent to establish a program
- feasibility study for the planned program
- information that substantiates the need for the nursing program in the geographic area chosen
- educational and clinical facilities to be utilized including the applicant pool, the timeline for employment of administrator and nursing facility, and the budget.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to accept these guidelines as presented at a resource for institutions who are attempting to start a new nursing program. The motion passed with all in favor.

ROLE OF THE PRECEPTOR

Donna Canalis and Valerie Bryan attended the January 17th Deans and Directors meeting and everyone seemed to have different interpretations based on individual program policies to the following questions.

Are universities allowed to have students in a preceptorship rotation without an instructor in the hospital but on call? Faculty retains responsibility, does not have to be on-site but must be available by phone, page, etc.

If so, are they allowed to administer medications under the supervision of the preceptor? Yes, they are providing clinical oversight for students and they need a BSN and experience.

If there is a preceptorship rotation but a faculty member is overseeing the clinical experience, does the staff nurse whom is assigned to work with the student have to have a BSN? Must have BSN faculty person with Connecticut state license and experience.

CCNE & NLN REPORTS IN LIEU OF DPH FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION

Donna Canalis discussed the concerns of the Deans and Directors in the duplication of reports being prepared. The Deans and Directors would prefer to submit one report (the CCNE) and also have it be used for the Department of Public Health five-year evaluation. The Deans and Directors felt that it was the same information but was being redone in different formats. The Board will be receiving further information regarding the duplication of reports.

DEANS & DIRECTORS REPORT TO BE FORTHCOMING

Donna Canalis apprised the Board that the Deans and Directors have grave concern regarding the number of LPN programs which are starting up. They are presently drafting a report to the Board regarding their concerns.

BLOOD AND BLOOD PRODUCTS ADMINISTERED IN THE HOME SETTING

This request will be tabled until further information has been received.

PICC LINE REMOVAL

The Board reviewed the Suggested Guidelines For Registered Nurses In The Insertion And Removal Of Specialized Intravenous Catheters. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded affirmation of the September 17, 1997 Guidelines. The motion passed unanimously.

COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT FOR LONG TERM CARE

The Board tabled this discussion. This is a Department of Public Health issue not scope of practice.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis reviewed the monthly calls and there were no unusual calls received.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The 2006 Legislative Session starts February 8, 2006. Therefore there is nothing new to report at this time. Congratulations goes out to Karen Buckley-Bates on the birth on her fourth son. Hopefully Ms. Buckley-Bates will be available to attend the March 1, 2006 meeting to apprise the Board of upcoming legislative issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 2005

The Board reviewed the October 5, 2005 minutes. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that these minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

OCTOBER 19, 2005

The Board reviewed the October 19, 2005 minutes. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard.

NOVEMBER 2, 2005

The Board reviewed the November 2, 2005 minutes. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

NOVEMBER 16, 2005

The Board reviewed the November 16, 2005 minutes. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with one abstention, Katherine Pellerin.

DECEMBER 7, 2005

The Board reviewed the December 7, 2005 minutes. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with one abstention, Chair Nancy Bafundo.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JAMIL OUTUB, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Jamil Qutub. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – WILLIAM ZAJAC, RN

Mr. Zajac's license was revoked in 1994 and he provided a packet of information for the Board to review to request a reinstatement hearing. Mr. Zajac was not in attendance. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to grant Mr. Zajac a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously and the hearing will be scheduled for June 21, 2006.

PREHEARING REVIEW – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Shannynn Cella. Ms. Cella was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board to suspend Ms. Cella's license until the Board has received the results of Ms. Cella's psychiatric evaluation.

PREHEARING REVIEW – DEBORAH MELLADY, RN

Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Deborah Mellady. Ms. Mellady was present to provide the Board with therapist reports including information regarding new health issues and updates from her psychiatrist. It was the recommendation of the Board to extend Ms. Mellady's probation for one additional year.

FACT FINDING – KATHLEEN WAIDO, RN

Prior to today's meeting all Board Members were provided with exhibits and transcripts of the hearing for Kathleen Waido.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Waido be found on all charges with the exception of 9a, 15a, 15c, and 16b. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Brother Francis Smith and John Titsworth who abstained.

Patricia Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the evidence did not rise to the level of Board discipline other than a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Brother Francis Smith and John Titsworth who abstained.

FACT FINDING – DONNA KRIKSCIUN, LPN

Prior to today's meeting all Board Members were provided with exhibits and transcripts of the hearing for Donna Kriksciun. Ms. Kriksciun was not present for the Fact Finding. The Department of Public Health had provided a Motion to Deem Allegations admitted which was accepted.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Kriksciun be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Kriksciun's LPN license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

FACT FINDING – JoANN WOJCIK, LPN

Prior to today's meeting all Board Members were provided with exhibits and transcripts of the hearing for JoAnn Wojcik. Attorney Francis Johnson was present with Ms. Wojcik. Due to the Department of Public Health acquiring new information regarding Ms. Wojcik's case, the Department requested on the record that the hearing be reopened. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli second to grant the request to reopen the hearing. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins and Katherine Pellerin who recused themselves from this vote. Attorney Frank Johnson presented the Board with a Motion to Revoke the Summary Suspension. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion to Revoke the Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing has been scheduled for April 5, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAUREEN MANCINONE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laureen Mancinone. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Mancinone was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 15, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NOEL (WHITMAN) FARRELL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Noel Farrell. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Farrell was present with counsel, Attorney Paul Doyle. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 5, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SUZANNE NAPLES, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Suzanne Naples. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Naples was not present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 15, 2006.

THIRD INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – VIRGINIA SCHROEDER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Third Interim Consent Order for Virginia Schroeder. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded the Third Interim Consent Order be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – LOIS DAIGLE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lois Daigle. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Break 1:00 PM – 1:40 PM during which time Linda Sacheli left for the day

CONSENT ORDER – CLAUDINE SQUIRES, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Claudine Squires. Ms. Squires was present. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Squires receive a Letter of Warning.

CONSENT ORDER – SARAH MARTIN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sarah Martin. Ms. Martin was present. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – MARY LEE, RN

The hearing convened at 2:05 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lee was not and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Drug Control Agent Kristine Nasinnyk. The hearing concluded at 2:16 PM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Lee's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

The hearing convened at 2:20 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bouchard was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Richard LaFleur. The hearing concluded at 2:55 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Bouchard be found on all charges with the exception of 4f. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Bouchard's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin left for the day at this time.

HEARING – JEFFREY MESSINGER, APRN/RN

The hearing convened at 3:03 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Messinger was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Messinger requested a continuance from the Board which was granted to May 3, 2006.

HEARING – SHERRY STONER, LPN

The hearing convened at 3:05 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Stoner was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Stoner. The hearing concluded at 3:32 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Respondent be found as charged with the exception of 6b. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Stoner's license be suspended for six months during which time she is to have a psychiatric evaluation. Following the suspension Ms. Stoner's license will be placed on probation for four years with the usual monitoring restrictions including no access to narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for one year upon her return to work as a nurse. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – CARLENE SHAW, RN

The hearing convened at 3:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Shaw was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Philip Paul Santavenere. The hearing concluded at 4:20 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Shaw be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Shaw's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 4:25 PM.

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Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:12 AM.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – MARIE-JEAN D’AMATO, LPN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges for Ms. D’Amato. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion to Withdraw be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JOHN GINNETTI, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Reinstatement Memorandum of Decision for John Ginnetti. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board’s prior decision to reinstate Mr. Ginnetti’s license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – KRISTI DOUGHERTY, RN

The hearing convened at 9:20 AM. Kristi Dougherty was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett and Attorney Martha Murray. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Janet Williams, RN, Michaela Gordon, RN, Oscar Reyes, Mary Schumaker, RN. The hearing recessed at noon and resumed testimony at 12:40 PM. At the conclusion of the Department’s case, Respondent’s counsel moved to dismiss the Statement of Charges. Argument on the Motion to Dismiss was heard from Attorney Pellett and Attorney Fazzina. The Board entered into Executive Session from 1:55 PM to 2:10 PM to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to dismiss all charges with the exception of 5a and 5e and 1 through 4, as 1, 2, and 4 were admitted. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board went into Executive Session at 3:44 PM to 3:47 PM to obtain advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The hearing was continued to March 15, 2006 at 8:00 AM at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 3:50 PM.

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BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Office Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capital Community College and Vinal Tech Practical Nurse Program. Chair Bafundo provided an overview of the Board's duties and responsibilities.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Motion for Summary Suspension – Shannynn Cella, RN

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NANCIE MORAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta S. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nancie Moran. Ms. Moran was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 1, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TRACY MALUK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tracy Maluk. Ms. Maluk was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with Joan Dobbins, Maria Pietrantuono, and Katherine Pellerin in favor and Chair Bafundo, Linda Sacheli, and Patricia Bouffard opposed. After additional discussion Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 1, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Shannynn Cella. Ms. Cella was not present and was not represented. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 1, 2006.

CONSENT ORDER – LISA CHITTENDEN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Chittenden. Ms. Chittenden was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – MONICA L. KNIGHT, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:01 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Knight was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Richard Brooks, Drug Control Agent, Gerald DeStaffano, Drug Control Agent, and Monica Knight. The hearing concluded at 12:05 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Knight be found on charges 1, 2, 3b, and 20-99(b)(2). The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this case does not rise to the level to warrant disciplinary action and that the Summary Suspension of Ms. Knight's license be vacated immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – LAUREEN MANCINONE, RN

The hearing convened at 12:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mancinone was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Mancinone. The hearing concluded at 12:30 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Mancinone be found on charges 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Mancinone's probation be extended for six months. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Summary Suspension be vacated effective March 1, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunch Recess 12:45 PM – 1:15 PM

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – WAIVER REQUEST

Carol deBlois, Director of the Nursing Program, was present to request two waivers for her nursing program. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the temporary waiver request be granted to Maria Krol for one year. The motion passed unanimously. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant a permanent waiver to Karen Burrows which is good only for the nursing program at the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – GARY SAVARIA, RN

The hearing convened at 1:20 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Savaria was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 1:40 PM.

Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Savaria be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Savaria's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – ELIZABETH D’AGOSTINO, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:45 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. D’Agostino was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. D’Agostino. The hearing concluded at 2:15 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. D’Agostino’s license be reinstated to probation for four years with the usual reporting terms for drug/alcohol screens, employer and therapist reports, and Ms. D’Agostino is not to have access to the narcotic keys nor be allowed to administer controlled substances for one year upon her return to work as a nurse. Also, Ms. D’Agostino is to successfully complete an RN Refresher Program with both theoretical and clinical components. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 2:30 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 1, 2006 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, Curtis Building, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rosemary McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC, DPH
Karen Buckley-Bates, Director, Government Relations
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jolanta Gawinski, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Office Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capital Community College and the University of Hartford.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Buckley-Bates, Government Relations Branch of the Department of Public Health, and Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief of the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, were present to provide the Board an overview of the Department's legislative initiative's for the 2006 Legislative Session.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo taught a class to UConn senior students regarding scope and delegation
- Chair Bafundo attended the NCLEX product review at Kaplan Testing Centers in New Haven
- Chair Bafundo attended the quarterly Nursing Issues Workgroup Meeting on February 24, 2006

OPEN FORUM

There were no requests from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- Summary Suspension for Matthew Berube, RN
- Stone Academy will not be attending today's meeting

SCHOOL ISSUES – FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY – PLAN OF CORRECTION

Dr. Jean Novotny, Dean of the School of Nursing at Fairfield University, attended the Board meeting to explain the NCLEX pass rate for the 2005 school year. The Board unanimously agreed that there was a discrepancy in the pass rate and that their program was well above the 80th percentile and no action by the Board was required. Dr. Novotny also submitted a report with their plan to reach the schools benchmark of 95%.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – PLAN OF CORRECTION

Janice Costello, Chair of the Nursing Program at Goodwin presented the Board with the school's plan of correction to address the NCLEX pass rate of 69.4% for the first RN graduating class of Goodwin College. The Board requested an addendum to specifically address the curriculum and clinical changes made. The Board also expressed their concerns regarding the fact that there will be three classes of students who will not experience the changes in the curriculum and/or areas addressed in the plan or correction dated February 7, 2006. The Board also requested that a Goodwin College representative appear before the Board after each graduating class. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the program placed on conditional approval for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – VINAL PRACTICAL NURSE PROGRAM – PLAN OF CORRECTION

This item was tabled.

Break 10:40 AM – 11:00 AM

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Sheila Solernou, Director of the Nursing Program at Gateway Community College, was present for this discussion. Ms. Solernou is requesting a faculty education waiver for Eileen Woods. Based on the review of the documents provided, the Board requests the following information: an official copy of Ms. Woods' university transcript, verification that Kennedy Western University is Board approved/accredited, dates and a description of her most recent clinical experiences, and verification that the Master's in Healthcare Administration, is in fact a Master's of Science in Nursing Degree. Once the above information is received the waiver request will be re-reviewed.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN TEST PLAN

The Board had reviewed the test plan via e-mail and had no issues with the new test plan. Chair Bafundo will provide Jennifer Filippone with a copy.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – COLOSTOMY CARE BY HOME HEALTH AIDES

Colostomy care discussed at the May 9, 1990 meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing has been revised to read “if the activity requires removing the apparatus, down to the skin level, it doesn’t necessarily require assessment for appropriate bag replacement, particularly if this is a long standing colostomy.” This process of delegation requires a decision made by a RN as to competency of the aide and condition of the colostomy. Therefore based on the RN assessment it may be delegated.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – BLOOD & BLOOD PRODUCTS ADM. IN THE HOME SETTING

This item has been tabled until further information is provided.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – SPINAL INJECTIONS

The Board reviewed the following e-mail request which was forwarded to the Board Office. “Do you recognize spinal injections as within the scope of practice for advanced nurse practitioners, other than certified registered nurse anesthetists? These injections comprised of a corticosteroid and local anesthetic agents, would include selective nerve root blocks, facet blocks, and translaminar epidurals, administered in the thoracic or lumbar spine.” The Board unanimously agreed that the injections may be performed by a CRNA only. The Board suggested review of their Decision-Making Model.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

The Board reviewed the scope of practice calls for February, 2006.

NCSBN UPDATES

Chair Bafundo informed the NCSBN that the Board Members were unable to attend the NURSUS User Group training in Chicago and DPH has advised her that there is a prohibition on out of state travel at this time. Therefore Connecticut will not be represented at this important meeting.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – KATHERINE LAWRENCE, LPN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Katherine Lawrence. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to affirm the Board’s prior ruling. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TOMAS ZOUHAR, LPN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tomas Zouhar. Mr. Zouhar was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling Mr. Zouhar for a hearing on March 15, 2006. Mr. Zouhar provided the Board with a written request for a continuance of his case to September 20, 2006. The Board unanimously granted the continuance.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CYNTHIA ROKAS, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney, David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Cynthia Rokas. Ms. Rokas was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling Ms. Rokas for a hearing on March 15, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MATTHEW BERUBE, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Matthew Berube. Mr. Berube was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling Ms. Berube's hearing for March 15, 2006.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – RAYMOND DUBOIS, Jr., RN

Chair Bafundo presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Raymond Dubois as Mr. Dubois has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MARGARET HULBOJ, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Margaret Hulboj. Ms. Hulboj was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – TRACY MALUK, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Tracy Maluk. Ms. Maluk was present without representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – DAWN NOYCE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Dawn Noyce. Ms. Noyce was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. The Summary Suspension remains in place until the effective date of the Consent Order which is April 1, 2006.

Break 12:30 PM to 1:10 PM

HEARING – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

The hearing convened at 1:10 PM. Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Counsel to the Board was provided by Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern. Ms. Cella was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Cella and Jeffrey A. Kardys. Patricia Bouffard left for the day at 1:30 PM. The hearing concluded at 2:15 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place on March 15, 2006.

HEARING – CARLENE SHAW, RN

The hearing convened at 2:45 PM. Legal Office Staff Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was presented representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Shaw was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Ms. Shaw and Jane Snow, RN. Katherine Pellerin left for the day at 3:45 PM and Maria Pietrantuono left for the day at 4:00 PM. The hearing concluded at 5:15 PM. Due to lack of a quorum Fact Finding will take place on April 5, 2006 at 11:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 5:30 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 15, 2006 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Joan Dobbins, RN, *Chair Pro Tem*
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM.

HEARING – KRISTI DOUGHERTY, RN

The hearing convened at 8:15 AM. Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dougherty was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Kristi Dougherty, RN. The hearing concluded at 11:01 AM. Fact Finding will be held on April 19, 2006 at 9:00 AM.

FACT FINDING – SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Cella be found on all charges due to the fact that this constitutes a violation of her probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Cella's probation be extended for one year (to September 1, 2010) pursuant to the November 2, 2005 Memorandum of Decision and to vacate the Summary Suspension ordered on February 15, 2006 subject to the terms of the November, 2005 Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHELLE DRURY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michelle Drury. Ms. Drury was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 5, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARK SODERLUND, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mark Soderlund. Mr. Soderlund was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 5, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTINE HETRICK-SHAMASNA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christine Hetrick-Shamasna. Ms. Hetrick-Shamasna was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 5, 2006.

CONSENT ORDER – RUTHANNE WRIGHT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ruthanne Wright. Ms. Wright was present without counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – GREGORY FABRIZI, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Gregory Fabrizi. Mr. Fabrizi was with counsel, Attorney Maria Spalding. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – FELICITA COLE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Felicita Cole. Ms. Cole was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – AMY FRENZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amy Frenz. Ms. Frenz was present with counsel, Attorney Hillary Nelson. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that this Consent Order be denied in that the conduct did not rise to the level to warrant disciplinary action. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – CAROLINE NICHOLAS-BRUNETTO, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Caroline Nicholas-Brunetto. Ms. Nicholas-Brunetto was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

Lunch Recess 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM during which time Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez left the day and Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia arrived for the remainder of the day.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

FRANKLIN RECTOR, APRN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Frank Rector. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board reaffirm their prior decision to reinstate Mr. Rector's APRN license. The motion passed with all in favor.

SUSAN JOY, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Susan Joy. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board reaffirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Joy's probation to November 30, 2007. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – CYNTHIA ROKAS, RN, R50778

The hearing convened at 12:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Rokas was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Cynthia Rokas. The hearing concluded at 1:05 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Rokas be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Rokas' license be placed on suspension for six months with concurrent probation and followed by four years probation with the usual disciplinary terms. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – JOAN LAVIN CAPLAN, RN/APRN

The second hearing convened at 1:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Lavin Caplan was present with counsel, Attorney Steven Errante. Testimony was provided by Carol Just, RN. The hearing concluded at 1:50 PM and will be rescheduled to September 20, 2006 at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:50 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 5, 2006 at the Hartford Hospital - Newington Campus, Curtis Building Amphitheater, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis Smith, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: M.J. McCarthy, Assistant Attorney General
Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Valerie Bryan, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office
Jolanta Gawinski, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:14 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capital Community College, the University of Hartford, and the New England Technical Institute in Shelton, CT.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo taught a class at the University of Hartford
- Chair Bafundo testified before the Public Health Committee regarding the Board's position on the Med Tech Bill, House Bill 5245
- Chair Bafundo taught a Policy Class at Yale University School of Nursing regarding delegation and scope of practice
- Patricia Bouffard taught a class at Naugatuck Valley College regarding Board Issues
- Patricia Bouffard met with and had several telephone conversations with the Department of Higher Education regarding the rules and regulations and certifications needed for private entities wishing to start an LPN Program
- Chair Bafundo attended a meeting at the Department of Public Health regarding Board issues at the Department's request
- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in Chicago in March

OPEN FORUM

There were no inquiries from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional agenda items.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Valerie Bryan presented the current update on legislation currently before the House and the Senate and answered questions.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE RE: BUPRENORPHINE

The Board reviewed correspondence received regarding Buprenorphine and also the Federal Regulations regarding the Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000. The letter, from APRNs, requested that the administration of Buprenorphine by APRNs to opiate addicted patients be permitted. Based on the Federal Regulations it is clearly identified that a physician must administer this medications, therefore the Board must following this mandate.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Valerie Bryan presented the Board with the list of incoming scope of practice calls received in the Board Office

SCHOOL ISSUES: GOODWIN COLLEGE ADDENDUM TO PLAN OF CORRECTION

Janice F. Costello, Chair of the Nursing Program at Goodwin College, was present to provide the Board with an addendum to the report presented to the Board on March 1, 2006. The content reflects the implementation of additional interventions to the initial report. Also provided to the Board was an Admission Score Sheet which will become effective for students applying in September for January 2007. The school is striving to meet their goals in creating and maintaining a successful nursing program

SCHOOL ISSUES: BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING WAIVER REQUEST

The Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing originally requested a permanent waiver for Edith Poidomani on January 18, 2006. At that meeting the Board requested further information regarding Ms. Poidomani's clinical experience and what courses she would be teaching. The Board reviewed the March 23, 2006 letter from Carol deBlois outlining an orientation program for Edith Poidomani in Medical Surgical Nursing. The Board suggested this orientation program as one method of bringing Ms. Poinomani's nursing skills in Medical Surgical Nursing to the level required to teach students on a Medical Surgical Unit. The Board requested that additional information be submitted prior to September 2006. The waiver is approved pending the receipt of the following information: submission of the mentor assigned to Ms. Poidomani and who she will shadow and their qualifications; a summary of Ms. Poidomani's clinical competence after completing the orientation which should be the evaluation tool used by the hospital; a copy of the specific summer course for 2007 that Ms. Poidomani will teach; and documentation of satisfactory completion of orientation and shadowing.

SCHOOL ISSUES: VINAL LPN PROGRAM UPDATED NCLEX REPORT

The Board reviewed a letter from Audrey Szczesiul, Department Head at the Vinal LPN Program. Ms. Szczesiul was contacted by Donna Canalis pertaining to the NCLEX pass rate of 66.7% for the evening program. Ms. Szczesiul was able to obtain a print out of the names of the students who failed the exam and after reviewing the names it was evident that three day students who graduated in June of 2005 had filled in the incorrect program code using the part-time evening code. Of these three students one failed the exam. Realizing that one failure would impact on the pass rate of the day program Ms. Szczesiul did the calculations and found that out of the 28 students who took the exam, a total of three failed. This brings Vinal's LPN program pass rate to 89.3 for the class of June 2005.

SCHOOL ISSUES: CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM STAFFING CHANGES

The Board reviewed documentation provided by Educational Consultant Patricia Fennessy regarding staffing changes in the LPN Programs. Susan Dean, the new Department Head at A. I. Prince LPN Program, was present for the discussion. The Board unanimously agreed that Ms. Dean meets the qualifications for Department Head based on the Regulations for Nursing Education Programs.

SCHOOL ISSUES: FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Board reviewed the Feasibility Study which was presented and wished to thank Donna Canalis for the excellent job in putting this altogether. Under the *Program Approval Section* the Board felt there should a #4 – Demographic Information of Licensees in that Region. Information is needed regarding the population that will identify the need. Also a section is needed regarding private entities and it needs to stipulate that the Department of Higher Education must issue prior approval as a private occupational school. The school also needs to have a national accreditation before applying to the Board and presenting their Feasibility Study. Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief of Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigations, recommended that a cover sheet be added to the Feasibility Study and will contact Donna Canalis to review.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

2006 NCSBN Annual Meeting Travel Waiver Request will be submitted for Chair Bafundo and Maria Pietrantuono as representatives and Patricia Bouffard will be the alternate. Chair Bafundo apprised the Board of the hot topics at the Mid Year Meeting she recently attended as follows: Mutual Recognition Model for APRNs, the NCSBN Vision Paper: The Future Regulation of Advanced Practice in Nursing, the non U.S. sites for NCLEX, discussion regarding NCLEX being offered in Spanish also, and the Delegate Assembly August 1-4, 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 2005

The Board reviewed the minutes for the December 21, 2005 meeting. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

JANUARY 4, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for the January 4, 2006 meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

JANUARY 18, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for the January 18, 2006 meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

FEBRUARY 1, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for the February 1, 2006 meeting. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

FEBRUARY 8, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for the February 8, 2006 meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

FEBRUARY 15, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for the February 15, 2006 meeting. Brother Francis Smith moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

FACT FINDING – CARLENE SHAW, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Ellen M. Shanley and Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt were present for the Fact Finding. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Shaw be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention. Chair Bafundo abstained from the discussion and the voting.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Shaw's license be placed on probation for two years with no agency nursing, quarterly employer reports, with a civil penalty of \$250.00. Katherine Pellerin made a friendly amendment that Ms. Shaw complete a continuing education course in documentation which is pre-approved by the Department of Public Health and to be completed within the first six months of probation. This was accepted by Joan Dobbins. Patricia Bouffard made a friendly amendment that the civil penalty be increased to \$500.00. This was accepted by Joan Dobbins and Katherine Pellerin. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of one abstention from Chair Bafundo.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – KENNETH SITTNICK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order packet for Kenneth Sittnick. Mr. Sittnick was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted placing Mr. Sittnick's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – MICHELLE SANDWITH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order packet for Michelle Sandwith. Ms. Sandwith was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Consent Order be accepted which places Ms. Sandwith's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

PATRICIA LOPA, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Patricia Lopa. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Lopa's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Memorandum of Decision which is effective immediately.

COLLEEN SPIETT-BOYKO, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Colleen Spiett-Boyko. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Spiett-Boyko's license on probation for two years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Memorandum of Decision which becomes effective April 15, 2006.

Patricia Bouffard left at 12:00 PM – noon.

HEARING – CHRISTINE HETRICK-SHAMASNA, RN

The hearing convened at 12:00 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Hetrick-Shamasna was present without representation. Testimony was provided by the Respondent. The hearing concluded at 12:20 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Hetrick-Shamasna be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Hetrick-Shamasna's license be placed on probation with four years with drug/alcohol screens weekly for the first and fourth years and twice per month for the second and third years, monthly employer and therapist reports

HEARING - MARK SODERLUND, LPN

The hearing convened at 12:20 PM. Mr. Soderlund requested a continuance to seek legal counsel. The continuance was granted to September 20, 2006.

HEARING – MICHELLE DRURY, RN

The hearing convened at 12:30 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Drury was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 12:35 PM.

Joan Dobbins left at 12:28 PM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Mr. Drury be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Brother Francis Smith moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Mr. Drury's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Sacheli left at 12:42 PM.

HEARING – JoANN WOJCIK, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wojcik nor her Attorney, Frank Johnson, were present for the hearing. Testimony was provided by Frances Lynch, Rosa Ortiz, CNA, Josie Rene, CNA, Nicole Napoleon, Elizabeth Carr, CNA, Tettiti Cuffee, CNA, Katherine Simmons, and Clara Tamba, CNA. The hearing concluded at 2:15 PM.

Fact Finding will take place on May 3, 2006 due to lack of a quorum.

HEARING – NOEL (WHITMAN) FARRELL, RN

The hearing convened at 2:20 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General M.J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Farrell was present with counsel, Attorney Michael Henegnan. Testimony was provided by Ms. Farrell. The hearing concluded at 3:05 PM.

Fact Finding will take place on April 19, 2006 due to lack of a quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:10 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 19, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Capitol Community College, St. Vincent's College, the University of Connecticut, and the University of Hartford.

FACT FINDING – KRISTI DOUGHERTY, RN

Prior to today's meeting all Board Members have been provided with the transcripts and exhibits of each hearing for Ms. Dougherty. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Dougherty was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss legal issues with the Assistant Attorney General. The room was cleared of everyone with the exception of the Assistant Attorney General, the Board, and Board Staff. At the end of discussion Linda Sacheli moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to end Executive Session and invite counsel and observers into the room. Joan Dobbins reviewed the Amended Statement of Charges and the remaining charges were 5a and 5e. 5a was regarding assessing and reassessing which was not found and 5e was regarding supervision which was not found and the Board could not find on the unnumbered paragraph 20-99(b)(2). On the record Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the charges be dismissed as this case did not rise to the level to warrant discipline from this Board. The motion passed unanimously.

FACT FINDING – NOEL WHITMAN FARRELL, RN

Prior to today's meeting all Board Members have been provided with the transcript and the exhibits of the April 5, 2006 hearing. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Farrell was present without counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Farrell be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Farrell's probation be extended three years subject to the terms of the November 6, 2002 Consent Order. Ms. Farrell shall not administer, count or have access to controlled substances, or have responsibility for such activities while working as a nurse and the Summary Suspension Order of February 1, 2006 has been vacated. The motion passed with all in favor.

WAIVER REQUEST – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed the documentation provided regarding a temporary waiver request for Carrie Michalski. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Michalski be granted a one year temporary waiver and she is to provide a copy of her transcript for monitoring purposes. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTINE ADORNO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christine Adorno. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Adorno was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 3, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MEG FENN, APRN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Meg Fenn. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Fenn was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Linda Sacheli moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 3, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - SUSAN DELVECCHIO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Susan Delvecchio. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Delvecchio was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 3, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Garcia. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Garcia was not present and did not have representation. Brother Francis Smith moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 3, 2006.

HEARING – JOSEPH SAMUELSON, RN

The hearing convened at 9:45 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present for Mr. Samuelson. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Attorney Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion to Withdraw be granted. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing closed at 9:55 AM.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – COLLEEN ALLEN, LPN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision regarding Colleen Allen. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Allen's probationary period to April 1, 2009. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

CONSENT ORDER – MITCHELL NYE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Mitchell Nye. Mr. Nye was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to conclude the meeting at 10:30 AM at which time Chair Bafundo spoke to the students about the duties and responsibilities of the Board and the hearing process.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 3, 2006 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna M. Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jolanta Gawinski, Health Program Supervisor, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from New England Technical Institute, Capital Community College, and the University of Hartford.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND WELCOME TO THE NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair Bafundo and the Board welcomed Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza as new Consumer Members to the Board. The Board and Department Staff introduced themselves to the observers.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo participated in a conference call with the NCSBN Finance Committee

OPEN FORUM

There were no issues requested for discussion from the audience.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone and Diane Cybulski provided the Board with an update on the 2006 Legislative Session. The Board was also informed that there was no funding in the budget for the Executive Officer position. Jennifer Filippone will try and resolve the issue of why the schools themselves are not able to access the names of students who did and did not take the NCLEX exam.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX scores for the last quarter. The Board has grave concerns about the scores from Goodwin College and would like the Director of that program to attend the June meeting.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CALLS RECEIVED DURING MARCH, 2006

Donna Canalis and Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Board Office during March, 2006.

NCSBN UPDATES

Chair Bafundo updated the Board on the Finance Committee teleconference call. Finances are good and they have reserve money in the budget and are promoting research in education and should be having scholarship money available. The NCSBN APRN Draft Vision Paper will be on the Board's June agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MARCH 1, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 1, 2006. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

MARCH 15, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes of March 15, 2006. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with three abstentions, Chair Bafundo, Ivelisse Cruz, and Ruth Espinoza.

APRIL 5, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for April 5, 2006. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

APRIL 19, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for April 19, 2006. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with four abstentions, Patricia Bouffard, Maria Pietrantuono, Ivelisse Cruz, and Ruth Espinoza.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – CHERYL MCLEOD, RN

Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Charges for Cheryl McLeod. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

Break 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Roxanne Bouchard. Linda Sacheli moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm its prior decision to revoke Ms. Bouchard's license. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza. .

PREHEARING REVIEW – MARCIA CARROLL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Prehearing Review packet for Marcia Carroll. Ms. Carroll was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins recommended and Patricia Bouffard seconded the recommendation that this case be dismissed. All Board Members were in agreement with the recommendation.

CONSENT ORDER – REGINA ROSA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Regina Rosa. Ms. Rosa was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LORETTA ARNOTT, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Loretta Arnott. Ms. Arnott was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Patricia Integlia. Ms. Integlia was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

FACT FINDING – JOANNE WOJCIK, LPN

Prior to today's meeting all Board Members, with the exception of today's two new Board Members, were provided with the transcripts and exhibits from Ms. Wojcik's hearings. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Wojcik be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Wojcik's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

CONSENT ORDER – LISA HIBSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lisa Hibson. Ms. Hibson was present with counsel, Attorney Emmett Hibson, Jr. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order. Ms. Hibson requested that the Summary Suspension be lifted. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Summary Suspension remain in effect until the Consent Order goes into effect. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – DORIS BUTLER-GOUGE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Doris Butler-Googe. Ms. Butler-Googe was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SHARON CLARKE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sharon Clarke. Attorney Elizabeth Cristafaro represented Ms. Clarke who was not in attendance. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that the Consent Order be amended to extend the probation for two years. In addition to the 16 hours of education in Patient's Rights, the Board recommended an eight-hour course in Ethics with a Civil Penalty of \$1,000.00.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARCIA PARENT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Marcia Parent. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Parent was not present and did not have representation. Brother Francis Smith moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that this Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 17, 2006.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION - BETHMARIE JACKSON, RN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Bethmarie Jackson. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Jackson was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that this Motion for Summary suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board recommended that the charges be dismissed.

HEARING – JEFFREY MESSENGER, RN, APRN

The hearing convened at 12:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Messenger was present without counsel. Mr. Messenger made an oral request for a continuance, which was granted. The next available hearing date is October 18, 2006. The Respondent's Motion to Reinstate License is being deferred to the October 18, 2006 hearing. The hearing concluded at 12:42 PM.

HEARING – CHRISTINE ADORNO, RN

The hearing convened at 12:42 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Adorno was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Adorno. The hearing concluded at 1:05 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Adorno be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Adorno's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

The hearing convened at 1:10 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Garcia was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Garcia. The hearing concluded at 2:40 PM and was continued to October 18, 2006 to allow Ms. Garcia to get more urine screens and therapist reports.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:45 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 17, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Ruth S. Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Howell Cheney and Vinal Tech LPN Programs.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SUSAN OLANDER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Susan Olander. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Olander was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bafundo who recused herself from the voting. Patricia Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 7, 2006.

CONSENT ORDER – JANE CROWLEY-SMITH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jane Crowley-Smith. Ms. Crowley-Smith was present with counsel, Attorney Linda Herzner. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The Board stated that this was not an appropriate remediation for the problem. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who recused herself.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES, BETHMARIE JACKSON, LPN, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Bethmarie Jackson. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. At their last meeting the Board denied the Motion for Summary Suspension and recommended dismissal of the charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SECOND MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER – ERINN BIRNEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Second Modification of Consent Order for Erinn Birney. Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett was present representing Ms. Birney who was not in attendance. Katherine Pellerin moved and John Titsworth seconded to grant the modification. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – MARCIA PARENT, RN

The hearing convened at 9:27 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Parent was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Due to a lack of proof of service and upon the advice of the Assistant Attorney General the hearing notice will be sent to the Ms. Parent's new address in South Carolina which was provided by the State Marshal. The hearing will be rescheduled for June 7, 2006 at 11:30 AM. The hearing closed at 9:35 AM.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DONNA KRIKSCIUN, LPN

Chair Bafundo presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Donna Kriksciun. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Kriksciun's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Chair Bafundo, Ivelisse Cruz, Ruth Espinoza, and John Titsworth.

HEARING – BRENDA FAY-REIS, RN

The hearing convened at 9:40 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Fay-Reis was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Fay-Reis. The hearing concluded at 10:08 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Fay-Reis be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Fay-Reis' probation be extended for an additional six months with the same licensure monitoring as in the first year of probation. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who was opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:14 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 7, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Henry Salton, Assistant Attorney General
Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC, DPH
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Dana Foster, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Diane Cybulski and Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on legislation.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – STATEMENT OF THE NURSING BOARD ON THE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF PAIN BY NURSES

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton and Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief of the Legal Office, were present for this discussion. Because the new document does not meet the intent of the Connecticut Nurses' Association Guidelines, the Board requested that this discussion be tabled until the October 4, 2006 meeting.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – NCSBN VISION PAPER – THE FUTURE REGULATION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE IN NURSING

The intent of the NCSBN was to put together information and standards in respect to what an APRN is. Currently there is a lack of uniformity in the regulation of APRNs. It is the vision of the NCSBN to bring uniformity, clarity, and simplicity to a future APRN regulatory model. The Draft NCSBN APRN Vision Paper was distributed for feedback in February, 2006. At their April, 2006 meeting the APRN Advisory Panel reviewed the feedback received. The APRN Advisory Panel will collaborate with APRN organizations to continue to develop the APRN Vision Paper and seek additional feedback after another draft is developed. It is anticipated that the Vision Paper will be completed and submitted to the NCSBN Board of Directors at their May, 2007 meeting.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis and Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming scope of practice calls for April and May, 2006.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – PLAN OF CORRECTION UPDATE

Janice Costello, Director of the Goodwin College Nursing Program, was present to provide the Board with an update on Goodwin College's plan of correction regarding the NCLEX scores. The discussion included the use of the HESI exam. As of June 6, 2006 36/43 or 84% of the students are considered to have graduated. Two students whose transcriptions were released to the state have taken the NCLEX and have passed. Additional strategies are to evaluate the curriculum, and the present focus is on the Nurse 220 senior course. Revisions of all exams in all courses has already demonstrated that student's abilities to take exams have improved. The Board is satisfied with the plan of correction and improvement that has been documented thus far. Conditional Approval remains in place. The next review will be September, 2006 of the NCLEX scores.

SCHOOL ISSUES - UCONN SCHOOL OF NURSING – WAIVER REQUESTS

Dr. Laura Dzurec, Dean of the Nursing Program at UConn, was present to request two permanent waivers. The first request is for Annette T. Maruca, who has a BSN degree, however, she is not matriculating in an MSN program and her advanced degree is not an MSN or Ph.D. in Nursing, which is required for a temporary waiver. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Maruca be granted a permanent waiver based on the advanced degree held in a field other than nursing (MS in Organizational Behavior) based on the appropriateness of this degree for the particular course work and her clinical experience in psychiatric/mental health this faculty member will engage in. (Section 20-90-51(e)(1)(2) Permanent Waiver) The motion passed with all in favor.

The second request is for Dr. Barbara Grace Sullivan who holds a BSN degree and a master's and doctoral degree in Medical Anthropology at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Sullivan has also completed a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Certificate at the University of Vermont in 1973. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded to grant Dr. Sullivan a permanent waiver based on the advanced degree held in a field other than Nursing and based on the appropriateness of this degree and her clinical experience, for the particular course work this faculty member will engage in. Section 20-90-51(e)(1)(2) Permanent Waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chair Bafundo announced that Dr. Dzurec is leaving the UConn School of Nursing and moving to Ohio and will be teaching at Kent State. On behalf of the Board Chair Bafundo thanked Dr. Dzurec for her contributions to the nursing community and wished her well in her new endeavors.

SCHOOL ISSUES - GATEWAY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Sheila Solernou, Director of the Gateway College Nursing Program, was present to request a permanent waiver for Susan Giacomara. Ms. Giacomara holds a BSN degree and a Master of Health Administration degree. She is not matriculating in an MSN program and her advanced degree is not an MSN or Ph.D. in Nursing, which is required for a temporary waiver. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Giacomara be granted a permanent waiver based on the advanced degree held in a field other than nursing and the appropriateness of this degree and her clinical experience for the particular course work this faculty member will engage in. (Section 20-90-51(e)(1)(2) Permanent Waiver) The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS STATISTICS REPORTING SHEET

Donna Canalis reviewed the reporting sheet with the Board. There was an increased in the total students admitted, students eligible for the NCLEX, and the total population.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- The Delegate Assembly will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah the first week of August
- Kathy Apple received a grant to study the global nursing shortage
- Chair Bafundo discussed the by-laws
- Colorado is the 23rd state to join the Nurse Licensure Compact

CHAIR UPDATES

- May 16th – Chair Bafundo attended a Faculty – Staff Planning Advisory Committee Meeting regarding nursing and allied health
- Chair Bafundo received a call from a reporter to discuss various issues including the nursing shortage and a more immediate issue that we need a data base
- May 9th – Chair Bafundo spoke to the senior class at Capital Community College regarding scope of practice and the role of the Board of Examiners for Nursing
- May 24th – Chair Bafundo attended the quarterly Nursing Issues Work Group Meeting where discussion took place regarding on-line renewals and funding for a data base
- May 30th – Chair Bafundo attended a meeting at the Department of Public Health along with Attorney Martha Murray and Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett to discuss how we can improve the discipline process and where the difficulties are
- May 6th – Brother Francis Smith provided greetings to the CLPNA Convention on the behalf of the Board
- Brother Francis Smith was invited to speak to the graduating class at New England Technical Institute

Break 10:40 AM – 11:10 AM

EMPLOYMENT CHANGE REQUEST – KEVIN CORMIER, LPN

Kevin Cormier presented the Board with a request for a change in employers as stipulated in his Consent Order. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the request be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

PREHEARING REVIEW – CHERYL ESPOSITO, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Cheryl Esposito. Ms. Esposito was present without counsel. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

CONSENT ORDER – LAURENE MORGAN, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Laurene Morgan. Ms. Moran was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KAREN VACCARO, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karen Vaccaro. Ms. Vaccaro was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor with Chair Bafundo in opposition. The Board recommended that the case be dismissed.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ORPHIA WILSON, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Orphia Wilson. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wilson was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 21, 2006. The Board recommended to the Department that this case be referred to the State Attorneys Office for criminal proceedings.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SARA TOMANIO, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sara Tomanio. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Tomanio was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 21, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ruth Dushay. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Dushay was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 21, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARC BILODEAU, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Marc Bilodeau. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Bilodeau was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 21, 2006.

HEARING – SUSAN OLANDER, RN

The hearing convened at 11:55 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Olander was present without counsel. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Olander. The hearing concluded at 12:38 PM. Chair Bafundo recused herself from this case.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that Ms. Olander be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Brother Francis Smith seconded that Ms. Olander's license be placed on probation for four years with drug/alcohol screens once per week for the first and fourth years of probation and twice per month for the second and third years. Ms. Olander may not work in a clinical setting for the first two years of probation. The Summary Suspension remains in place until the Memorandum of Decision has been signed by the Board. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – MARCIA PARENT, RN

The hearing convened at 12:58 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Parent was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing was continued to June 21, 2006 for notice to be sent.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:30 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 21, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kiley, Paralegal, Office of the Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, OPLC, DPH
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed one student from the Howell Cheney Practical Nurse Education Program.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHRISTINE STASULLI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christine Stasulli. Ms. Stasulli was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Motion and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 19, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER MARSHALL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Marshall. Ms. Marshall was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case either be brought back as an Interim Consent Order or a Consent Order with the normal boilerplate language. Attorney Pellett stated that Ms. Marshall would forward the employer and drug screen reports to Bonnie Pinkerton.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – BARBARA J. CARROLL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Barbara J. Carroll. Ms. Carroll was not present. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Chair Bafundo reviewed the five Memoranda of Decision with the Board Members.

CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Grigaitis' license. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

KATHLEEN WAIDO, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

MARY LEE, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

ELIZABETH D'AGOSTINO, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

SHERRY M. STONER, LPN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Ivelisse Cruz and Ruth Espinoza.

CONSENT ORDER – SHARON TAYLOR, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sharon Taylor. Ms. Taylor was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – MARC BILODEAU, RN

The hearing convened at 9:30 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Bilodeau was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Bilodeau. The hearing concluded at 9:48 AM. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that Mr. Bilodeau be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

It was the unanimous decision of the Board that this hearing be kept open so that additional documentation could be provided and that the Summary Suspension remain in effect for an additional six months. The Board requested a psychiatric evaluation in respect to practice and any other documentation that might answer some of the questions that the Board had already asked for in the hearing. The Board also requested that therapist reports be provided from the date of this hearing until the hearing is reopened December 6, 2006. Also, in the event that Mr. Bilodeau regains employment of any type, employer reports are to be forwarded to the Board Office.

Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – SARA TOMANIO, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Ms. Tomanio signed a Voluntary Surrender of License Affidavit on June 20, 2006. Ms. Tomanio was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ORPHIA WILSON, RN

The hearing convened at 10:18 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Wilson was not present and did not have representation. The Board file included proof of in hand service to Ms. Wilson by the State Marshal. Attorney Linda Fazzina made an Oral Motion to Deem the Allegations Admitted which was granted. The hearing concluded at 10:50 AM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Wilson be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Wilson's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – SUZANNE NAPLES, LPN

Attorney Jeremy Weingast contacted the Board Office stating that Ms. Naples was physically unable to attend the Board meeting and requested a continuance which was granted to November 15, 2006.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – WILLIAM ZAJAC, RN

The hearing convened at 10:53 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Zajac was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Deborah Wellsby and Mr. Zajac.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept Mr. Zajac's reinstatement request. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono who was opposed.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded the following: Mr. Zajac is to successfully completed a Board approved refresher program, he is to successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination, his license will be placed on probation for 2000 hours of completed work with the normal restrictions regarding no working for temporary agencies, will not be allowed to work in a supervisory capacity until 1000 hours of probation have been completed, and Mr. Zajac is to provide to the Board and the Department monthly employer and therapist reports specific to the issues identified in the 1994 Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono who was opposed.

HEARING – MARCIA PARENT, RN

The third hearing for Marcia Parent convened at 12:03 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Parent was not present and did not have representation. Attorney Scoville made an Oral Motion to Deem the Allegations Admitted which was granted by the Board. The hearing concluded at 12:11 PM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Parent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that Ms. Parent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that today's meeting be adjourned at 12:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 19, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JOHN GINNETTI, RN

Mr. Ginnetti was not present for this discussion. Mr. Ginnetti has requested modification of his Memorandum of Decision to allow him to accept a specific position which has been offered to him by Care Management, LLC of New Haven as supervisor of clinical services in their new home care program. This position is administrative in nature and the supervisor would work in the Care Management offices located in New Haven. The Board reviewed the job description from Care Management. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to deny Mr. Ginnetti's request at this time.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Chair Nancy Bafundo reviewed with the Board the following Memoranda of Decision.

MICHELLE DRURY, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Drury's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ruth Espinoza, Susan Neistein, John Titsworth, and Patricia Bouffard. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

CYNTHIA ROKAS, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Rokas' license on suspension for six months with concurrent probation followed by an additional probationary period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ruth Espinoza, Susan Neistein, and John Titsworth. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

MONICA KNIGHT, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to dismiss the charges against Ms. Knight's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ruth Espinoza, Susan Neistein, and John Titsworth. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Cella's current probation for one year. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ruth Espinoza, Susan Neistein, and John Titsworth.

GARY SAVARIA, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Mr. Savaria's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ruth Espinoza, Susan Neistein, and John Titsworth.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA CHITTENDEN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Chittenden. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Chittenden was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. After discussion Maria Pietrantuono withdrew her original motion and moved that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion was seconded by Patricia Bouffard and passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 16, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DAVID GRAVELDING, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for David Graveling. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Graveling was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 16, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHERRY NICHOLSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sherry Nicholson. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Nicholson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 16, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHARLES RIVELLINI, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Charles Rivellini. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Rivellini was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself from this case. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 16, 2006.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – BETH OUELLETTE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Beth Ouellette. Ms. Ouellette was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Interim Consent Order (ICO) be granted. The ICO will remain in place until the final disposition of this case. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – ELIZABETH TECZA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Elizabeth Tecza. Attorney Martha Murray was present representing Ms. Tecza who was not in attendance. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER –MARY SMYTH, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mary Smyth. Ms. Smyth was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KAREN DULKO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Karen Dulko. Ms. Dulko was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SUSAN CALLAHAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Susan Callahan. Ms. Callahan was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and John Titsworth seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KRISTY WOOD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Karen Wood. Ms. Wood was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and John Titsworth seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA A. COLLINS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Collins. Ms. Collins was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – CHRISTINE STASULLI, RN

The hearing convened at 10:15 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Stasulli was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Maritza Myles, NA, Melissa Siering, Heather Tangney, and Christine Regan, RN. The hearing concluded at 11:00 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Stasulli be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard moved that Ms. Stasulli's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – JAMES BOYLE, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:06 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Boyle was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. This case was continued to August 16, 2006 at which time the Department of Public Health will present a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Respondent's Voluntary Surrender of license. The hearing concluded at 11:08 AM.

HEARING – PAMELA GAGE, RN, APRN

The hearing convened at 11:09 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Gage was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Pamela Gage. The hearing concluded at 11:50 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Gage be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that this case does not rise to the level to warrant additional disciplinary action therefore this case is dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:52 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 16, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General
Darren Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board was presented with a request from Quinnipiac University for a permanent waiver for Katherine Olive. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that Ms. Olive be granted a permanent waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board was presented with a request from Naugatuck Valley Community College for a waiver extension for one year for Lisa Anderson. It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that upon receipt of the documentation that Ms. Anderson has matriculated into the MSN Program at the University of Hartford, the one-year faculty education waiver will automatically be granted.

The school is also requesting a waiver for Elizabeth Normand who will complete her MSN degree requirements by June 2007. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that a one-year temporary faculty education waiver be granted to Ms. Normand. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Patricia Bouffard.

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY – EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SCHOOL SURVEY REPORT

The Board reviewed the request from Fairfield University for permission to postpone the survey review until March, 2007. The reason for this request is that the school is in the process of writing their report for CCNE with a site visit on March 28, 29, and 30, 2007. The Board unanimously granted this request.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – EXTENSION REQUEST FOR SCHOOL SURVEY REPORT

The Board reviewed the request from Sacred Heart University for permission to postpone the survey review until November 15, 2006. Some of the items on the report require faculty input and they will not be available until September. This discussion was tabled and will be on the September 6, 2006 agenda.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

CHRISTINE HETRICK-SHAMASNA, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Hetrick-Shamasna's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ivelisse Cruz, Ruth Espinoza, Maria Pietrantuono, Patricia Bouffard, and Susan Neistein. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

CARLENE SHAW, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Shaw's license on probation for two years along with a civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ivelisse Cruz, Ruth Espinoza, Chair Bafundo, and Susan Neistein. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

NOEL WHITTMAN FARRELL, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Farrell's current probation to December 1, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Ivelisse Cruz, Ruth Espinoza, and Susan Neistein. Chair Bafundo signed the Decision.

BOARD'S MOTION TO VACATE MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – GARY SAVARIA, RN

A hearing was held for Gary Savaria on February 15, 2006. The Memorandum of Decision was signed and mailed to Mr. Savaria on July 19, 2006. The envelope was returned on July 26, 2006 to the Board Office stamped "deceased – return to sender" from the United States Postal Service. The Vital Records Unit of DPH was contacted and it was confirmed that Mr. Savaria passed away on November 9, 2005. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board vacate the Memorandum of Decision issued to Gary Savaria on July 19, 2006. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – JAMES BOYLE, LPN, 026502

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for James Boyle as a Voluntary Surrender of License Affidavit has been signed. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion to Withdraw be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW – THOMAS LONGO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Thomas Longo. It was the recommendation of the Board that Mr. Longo's probation be extended for one to two years with coursework to be completed in three to six months.

CONSENT ORDER – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ruth Dushay. Ms. Dushay was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Matthew Dallachie. Mr. Dallachie was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board is requesting further information including the statement Mr. Dallachie made to Drug Control. The Board questioned why there was only a two-year probation proposed in this case.

CONSENT ORDER - SUSAN WILLIAMS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Susan Williams. Ms. Williams was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. After discussion the Board requested that there be a two-year period of probation beyond the two years of probation by the New Jersey Board of Nursing and that the two years be completed if Respondent ever returns to practice in Connecticut.

CONSENT ORDER – DONNA McQUEENEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Donna McQueeney. Ms. McQueeney was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SHERRY NICHOLSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sherry Nicholson. Ms. Nicholson was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

Linda Sacheli arrived at this time.

HEARING – DAVID GRAVELDING, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Graveling was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Graveling. The hearing concluded at 10:42 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Graveling be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Joan Dobbins moved and John Titsworth seconded that Mr. Graveling's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Sacheli left at this time.

HEARING – SUSAN DELVECCHIO, RN

The hearing convened at 11:05 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. DelVecchio was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. DelVecchio. The hearing concluded at 11:30 AM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. DelVecchio be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved that Ms. DelVecchio's license be revoked. Patricia Bouffard seconded the motion for discussion. The motion failed as there were no votes in favor of the motion.

Joan Dobbins moved for a four-year probation with the usual drug screen, therapy, and employer requirements, and the twelve month narcotic key restriction. The motion was seconded by Patricia Bouffard and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:45 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 6, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Richard J. Lynch, Assistant Attorney General
Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General
Wendy H. Furniss, Branch Chief, Healthcare Systems
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the University of Hartford.

All Board Members introduced themselves for the audience. There were two Public Members and one APRN Member that joined the Board this past spring and summer. Chair Bafundo announced that Public Member Ivelisse Cruz was not present at this meeting as she is getting married this week. The Board sends congratulations to Ivelisse and her husband. Also, the Board sends out get well wishes to Linda Sacheli and Brother Francis Smith who are both out recuperating.

OPEN FORUM

No items for discussion from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

- Sacred Heart University Evaluation Dates
- Tomas Zouhar, LPN, Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges/Voluntary Surrender

RICHARD J. LYNCH, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Assistant Attorney General Richard J. Lynch was present to discuss issues with the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board move into Executive Session for this discussion. The room was cleared of everyone except Attorney Lynch and the Board Members. Executive Session ended at 9:55 AM.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis and Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Department this month.

SCHOOL ISSUES - GOODWIN COLLEGE – WAI VER REQUEST

Janice Costello, Chair of the Nursing Program, was present for this discussion. Ms. Costello is requesting a permanent waiver for Beverly Jones who is a graduate of Saint Joseph College with her Master's Degree in Gerontology. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Jones be approved for a permanent waiver based on the decision that she will work in long-term-care. If it is decided that Ms. Jones work in acute care, an orientation would be required and would need to be submitted to the Board for their review. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES - GOODWIN COLLEGE – SITE VISIT

Donna Canalis visited the new nursing location for Goodwin College at 403 Main Street in East Hartford on July 11, 2006. There is adequate classroom, faculty, and computer space. The laboratory and library are still at the original location. The computers can easily access the library at Burnside Avenue. Saint Francis Hospital Laboratory is also used for the students. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the program remain on conditional approval. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES - GOODWIN COLLEGE – PLAN OF CORRECTION

Janice Costello, Chair of the Nursing Program, provided the Board with an updated plan of correction for the Goodwin Nursing Program. Ms. Costello discussed the HESI exit exam which is a predictor exam for the NCLEX. There were 40 students who successfully passed the HESI exam and were eligible to sit for the NCLEX. There were 33 of 35 students that have passed the NCLEX exam which translates into a pass rate of 94.2%. The Board did question as to whether or not there was a limit as to the amount of times a student can take the HESI exam. The school is presently discussing this issue. The Board is satisfied with the Plan of Correction and improvement that has been documented thus far.

SCHOOL ISSUES - STONE ACADEMY – SITE VISIT

Donna Canalis visited the East Hartford location for the new Stone Academy LPN Program which was scheduled to begin its first day and evening class in September. Ms. Canalis provided the Board with an overview of her findings at the site visit on July 11, 2006 at their location at 403 Main Street in East Hartford. The program was granted conditional approval on February 1, 2006 until the results of the first NCLEX-PN exam.

SCHOOL ISSUES – ABBOTT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL EVENING LPN PROGRAM

Patricia Fennessy, Education Consultant for the LPN State run LPN programs, and Mary Ellen Pacific, School Administrator, were present for this discussion. Through Legislative support the Connecticut Technical High School System was able to establish an evening LPN Program in Danbury at Abbott Tech which will help meet the demand by students to attend a part-time evening program and help to address the nursing shortage in the State of Connecticut. The program will operate in the evening and will take two years to complete. It will be modeled after the existing part-time evening program in Middletown and is expected to start in January 2007. They plan to enroll 20 students and utilize the same class and laboratory areas that are used by the day program. After review the Board requested written clarification regarding the following:

- the responsibilities of the Department Heads you plan to assign to Danbury and the present site in Middletown;
- since they will have teaching responsibilities the Board would like identified the amount of time they will spend on other duties;
- please delineate hours per each Department Head, identify hours for teaching, clinical, and administrative responsibilities;
- how many faculty have been hired for each site;
- will some faculty be used for both day and evening programs; and,
- any further information to clearly explain this program is needed for a complete review.

There will be further discussion regarding this program at the October 4, 2006 meeting.

Chair Bafundo left during this discussion during which time Joan Dobbins was Chair Pro Tem.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Saint Joseph College is requesting a waiver for Amanda Safer. Ms. Safer is a matriculated student in the MSN Program at Saint Joseph College with an expected graduating date of December, 2007 or May 2008. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Safer be granted a temporary waiver for one year. It is understood that Ms. Safer will work with junior and senior students, based on her critical care and PACU experience. In addition, she will work under the supervision of a course coordinator and faculty mentor. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

Southern CT State University is requesting a waiver for Kathy Visinski for Fall, 2006. Ms. Visinski was granted a one-year waiver in August, 2005 and taught Pediatric Clinical and the school would like to hire her for that again. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Visinski be granted a one year waiver. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board reviewed the waiver for Samantha DiCicco. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that this waiver be denied as Ms. DiCicco is not matriculating in an MSN program and therefore does not meet the regulatory guidelines for a temporary waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – ST. VINCENT’S COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

St. Vincent’s College has requested a waiver for Elizabeth Armstrong who will be providing clinical supervision for students in their last year of the nursing program. This was sent out to all Board Members via e-mail and was accepted. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board’s approval to grant this waiver for one semester. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the waiver requests for Heather Bader and Melissa Granados. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that both Ms. Bader and Ms. Granados be granted one year temporary waivers. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Sheila Solernou, Director of Nursing, was present for this discussion. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Abramczyk be approved for a one year temporary waiver. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

The Board Office received documentation from Dr. Janice Thompson, Chair of the Department of Nursing at Quinnipiac, that Dr. Mary Ann Cordeau and Celeste Yanni have received temporary 806 appointments as Assistant Professors of Nursing for the academic year 2006-2007.

SCHOOL ISSUES - BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – ORIENTATION PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR EDITH POIDOMANI IN MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING

At their April 5, 2006 meeting the Board requested the following information be submitted prior to their September 6, 2006 meeting. The waiver is approved pending this information. The Board requested submission of the mentor assigned to Ms. Poidomani and who she will shadow and their qualifications; a summary of her clinical competence after completing the orientation which should be the evaluation tool used by the hospital; a copy of the summer course of 2007; and documentation of satisfactory completion of orientation and shadowing. The Board received documentation of the orientation program for Ms. Poidomani which was suggested by the Board as one method of bringing Ms. Poidomani’s nursing skills in Medical Surgical Nursing to the level required to teach students on a Medical Surgical Unit. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Poidomani be granted a permanent waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – UCONN SCHOOL OF NURSING – INTERIM DEAN APPOINTMENT

The Board Office received documentation in the mail that the UConn School of Nursing announced that Dr. E. Carol Polifroni was appointed Interim Dean effective July 1, 2006. A nationwide search for Dean of the School is presently underway. The Board congratulates Dr. Polifroni on her new position.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – REPORT DATE CHANGE

The Board reviewed and approved the request to submit the school's self-evaluation report by November, 2006.

SCHOOL ISSUES – FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY – REPORT DATE CHANGE

The Board reviewed and approved the request to postpone their five year review from October, 2006 to March, 2007 due to the CCNE visit at the end of March, 2007. The CCNE report will then be revised and used as a five-year evaluation report to the Board.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

The Board reviewed the NCLEX scores. The pass/fail percentages were discussed. Donna Canalis will speak with Stephen Carragher as to why the Three Rivers RN Program was not on the Pearson VUE report.

SCHOOL ISSUES – FEASIBILITY STUDY PROTOCOL

The Board reviewed the Feasibility Study on their April 5, 2006 meeting and requested the following: a section is needed regarding private entities, and it needs to stipulate that the Department of Higher Education must issue prior approval as a private occupational school. The school needs to have a national accreditation before applying to the Board to present their Feasibility Study. The additional information was provided and the Board approved the Feasibility Study.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN EVALUATION PROGRAM REVIEW FORM FOR STATE APPROVAL

The Board reviewed and discussed the changes made to the protocol for school evaluation reports. This document will be edited and placed on the October 4, 2006 agenda.

SCHOOL ISSUES - LPN EVALUATION PROGRAM REVIEW FORM FOR STATE APPROVAL

The Board reviewed and discussed the changes made to the protocol for school evaluation reports. This document will be edited and placed on the October 4, 2006 agenda.

SCHOOL ISSUES – RN SCHOOL USE OF CCNE OR NLN REPORTS TO THE BOARD IN LIEU OR AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT EVALUATION

CCNE requires an evaluation every eight years and one interim evaluation, NLNAC does not. The Board indicated the need for further discussion as to when the original evaluations for accrediting bodies can be used versus the need for a new update, if the present evaluation exceeds a five-year period.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the following Memoranda of Decision to the Board.

JoANN WOJCIK, LPN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Wojcik's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Susan Neistein who abstained.

LAUREEN MANCINONE, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to extend Ms. Mancinone's current probation to March 1, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Susan Neistein who abstained.

BRENDA FAY-REIS, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to extend Ms. Fay-Reis' probation to June 30, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Susan Neistein who abstained.

CHRISTINE ADORNO, RN

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Adorno's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Susan Neistein who abstained.

MINUTES

The Board reviewed the following six sets of minutes.

MINUTES – MAY 3, 2006

Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Susan Neistein and Katherine Pellerin.

MINUTES MAY 17, 2006

Maria Peitrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Joan Dobbins and Susan Neistein.

MINUTES JUNE 7, 2006

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Joan Dobbins and Susan Neistein.

MINUTES JUNE 21, 2006

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Joan Dobbins and Susan Neistein.

MINUTES JULY 19, 2006

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Katherine Pellerin.

MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2006

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Katherine Pellerin.

NCSBN UPDATE

Maria Pietrantuono recently attended the NCSBN Annual Meeting in Utah with Nancy Bafundo. Ms. Pietrantuono reviewed with the Board the NCSBN election of officers; the Finance Committee report; the Examination Committee report, CGFNS International discussed the nurse migration from the Philippines which continues to be enormous. There are 4,000 foreign MDs accepted to take the NCLEX this year and migrate to England and the US. The most popular international test taking sites are NY, CA, and NM, there is concern that in the not too distant future, US healthcare organizations will be populated by foreign prepared nurses and the pros and cons with this issue were discussed. The primary reasons for migration are employment opportunities and financial rewards. The Proposed Modifications to the Model Nurse Practice Act are to include authority to conduct Criminal Background Check and Urine Drug Screens. A Draft of a Model Curriculum for medication administration and competency exam for medication assistive personnel was presented and there are states where this is allowed. There was a breakout session, AACN Preparing Nurse Leaders for Excellence Today and Tomorrow. Overall it was a great meeting, very informative, and great networking opportunities to learn about other state boards operations and responsibilities. The New NCSBN Officers are as follows: President - Faith Fields, Executive Director from Arkansas, Vice President – Laura Skidmore Rhodes, Executive Director from West Virginia, Treasurer – Ruth Ann Terry Executive Officer from California, and Directors-at-Large – Gina Chisari, Nursing Practice Coordinator from Massachusetts, and Kathy Mallock, Board Member from Arizona.

Break 11:15 AM – 11:35 AM

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro arrived.

REQUEST TO REOPEN HEARING – ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins asked the audience if Roxanne Bouchard was in attendance. There was no response. Ms. Bouchard sent in a letter to the DPH Legal Office requesting that her hearing be reopened as she was incarcerated on the day of the hearing and was unable to attend. Ms. Bouchard's Memorandum of Decision was signed on May 3, 2006 and the appeal period ended on June 17, 2006. An envelope post-marked June 19, 2006 and addressed to Attorney Robert Swafford was received in the Legal Office on June 23, 2006 and received from Attorney

Swafford in the Board Office on July 24, 2006. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded at 11:38 AM that the Board move into Executive Session to seek legal advice from Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro. The room was cleared of all observers. Executive Session ended at 11:43 AM. Ms. Bouchard had contacted Attorney Roberta Swafford who forwarded the call to the Board Office where Janice Wojick testified that she spoke with Ms. Bouchard and informed her of the day, the date, and the time of the meeting, and that it would be in her best interest to attend this meeting as the Board would be making a decision to either grant or deny her request for a hearing on that day. The audience was asked again if Ms. Bouchard was in attendance. Attorney Swafford affirmed that Ms. Bouchard was not in the room. Maria Pietrantonio moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Request to Reopen the Hearing be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Bouchard will be notified of the Board's decision along with the form letter which is always sent when a nurse has been disciplined and is requesting a hearing to have her license reinstated which lists all of the steps which have to be completed before applying to the Board.

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro left the meeting to return to his office and would be available by telephone if the Board needed advice regarding agenda items.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – RENEE WALKER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Walker signed a Voluntary Surrender on September 1, 2006. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Walker was not present and was not represented by counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Motion.

Chair Bafundo returned at this time.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA IOVINO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Iovino. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Iovino was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for September 20, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Integlia. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Integlia was not present nor was she represented by counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantonio seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for September 20, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURA ROY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laura Roy. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Roy was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for September 20, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CONCETTA MANCINI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary suspension for Concetta Mancini. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available by telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Mancini was not present nor was she represented by counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing for September 20, 2006.

Maria Pietrantuono left for the day.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – TOMAS ZOUHAR, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Tomas Zouhar as Mr. Zouhar had signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit on August 21, 2006. Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be granted. The motion passed with all in favor and Chair Bafundo signed the Motion.

CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER MARSHALL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jennifer Marshall. Ms. Marshall was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – TAMAR DELOHERY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Tamar Delohery. Ms. Delohery was present with counsel. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JANEL JONES, RN/APRN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Janel Jones. Ms. Jones was present with counsel, Attorney Jeff Ment. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MARIAN TRIMMER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Marian Trimmer. Ms. Trimmer was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:40 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 20, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Dobbins, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kiley, Paralegal, Office of the Attorney General
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the J. M. Wright LPN Program.

HEARING – JEAN LAVIN CAPLAN, RN/APRN

The hearing convened at 9:03 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Department. Ms. Caplan was present with counsel, Attorney Steven Errante. Testimony was provided by Suzanne Chaplik, RN, and Carol Just, RN. The hearing concluded at 11:06 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Caplan be found as charged with the exception of paragraphs 11, 14, and 15d. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Susan Neistein who recused herself.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Caplan's license be placed on probation for one year. She is to successfully complete a continuing education course in end of life issues and nursing documentation, she is not to have supervisory responsibilities during the probationary period, and she is not to work for a nursing pool/agency. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TANIA THOMAS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tania Thomas. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Thomas was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 4, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – HELEN BEAUREGARD, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Helen Beauregard. Assistant Attorney General Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Beauregard was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 4, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ALICE MILLER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Alice Miller. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Miller was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 4, 2006.

CONSENT ORDER – COLLEEN FISH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order packet for Colleen Fish. Ms. Fish was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

HEARING – MARK SODERLUND, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:48 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Soderlund was not present and did not have representation. The hearing closed at 12:02 PM

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that Mr. Soderlund be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and John Titsworth seconded that Mr. Soderlund's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunch Recess 12:05 PM – 12:40 PM

HEARING – PAMELA IOVINO, RN

The hearing convened at 12:43 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Iovino was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Kristine Nasinnyk, Drug Control Agent, and Pamela Iovino. John Titsworth left for the day at 1:30 PM. The hearing concluded at 3:30 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Iovino be found as charged with the exception of paragraph 2a. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Iovino's probation be extended for two years with a medication documentation course to be completed during the first six months of probation and she must have supervised med passes for a period of six months. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono left for the day at 3:44 PM

HEARING – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

The hearing convened at 3:45 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Integlia was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Integlia. The hearing concluded at 3:58 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Integlia be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this case does not rise to the level requiring action, therefore the charges are dismissed. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the summary suspension be vacated immediately. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Integlia's LPN license is reinstated to probation subject to the terms of the Consent Order dated May 3, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:05 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 4, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Neistein, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Brother Francis X. Smith, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, DPH
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Dana Dalton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 8:57 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from A. I. Prince LPN Program, the University of Hartford, and the University of Connecticut.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Revised agendas were provided to the Board Members and visitors.

CHAIR UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo attended the State Educator Meeting at CHA
- LPN Program using apprenticeship model

OPEN FORUM

There were no topics brought up for discussion from the audience.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed calls received during the month of September.

SCHOOL ISSUES: CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAIVER REQUEST

Cynthia Adams, Director of the Nursing Program at Capital Community College, was present to request a two-year waiver extension for Catherine Ouellette. Ms. Ouellette has four more courses to complete her Masters in Nursing Education at the University of Hartford where she remains a graduate student in good standing. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the waiver request be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

Cynthia Adams will be attending the upcoming Deans and Directors meeting. Donna Canalis has a scheduling conflict and Ms. Adams will bring the School Review Criteria Regarding CCNE & NLN-AC for discussion with the Deans and Directors and will present their comments at the November 1, 2006 BOEN Meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES: ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed the waiver request from St. Vincent's College. Further information is required. Once this information is provided and satisfies the faculty education waiver requirements, the waiver will be granted conditionally.

SCHOOL ISSUES: LPN ON-LINE REFRESHER PROGRAM

Dr. Jane Murdock, CLN Coordinator of Online Programs, was present to advise the Board that the online LPN Refresher Course was put on hold in the spring while necessary changes were made to make the course more accessible to students. A copy of the revised program was mailed out to all Board Members.

Problems addressed were as follows:

1. The course was only offered twice a year therefore if a student missed the start date for the course they would have to wait until the next time it was offered which was several months later.
2. Because the demand for the course is not high, the program was often confronted with a very limited enrollment and the painful decision of whether or not to cancel. More often than not they did not cancel, and sometimes served only a single student which becomes very costly.
3. In addition, one of the major texts for the course was taken off the market and the content needed to be revised to reflect a new text.

The program reviewed the issues over the summer months and Dr. Murdock is here today to review the changes with the Board which are primarily in how the course is structured with very little changes about the content focus. The program believes they can be more responsive to the needs of the students in this revised structuring of the course and is seeking Board approval as they have a target date of mid-October. They presently have five students who have expressed interest in starting this course. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the on-line course with revisions. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES: LPN STATS

Anne Simko, Department Head of the Eli Whitney LPN Program, and Regina Wrenn, Department Head of the Kaynor LPN Program, were present to discuss the Practical Nurse Education Program Research Report for the Class of 2002-2004. The Board found the statistics review very helpful and understands the result of the research project which will be an on-going process delineating the LPN statistics. The Board also thanked Pam Cramer, Department Head of the Henry Abbott LPN Program, for her participation in this report.

SCHOOL ISSUES: PROTOCOL FOR FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVERS

Donna Canalis reviewed the Protocol for Faculty Education Waivers with the Board. Most programs do not provide all of the necessary documentation when requesting faculty education waivers. Upon approval of the guidelines, all schools will be provided with a copy. This should eliminate the problem of missing documentation when applying for a waiver. Waiver requests will not be placed on the agenda if all documentation is not received prior to the meeting date.

The following protocol is for Temporary Waiver Requests and Permanent Waiver Requests for Registered Nurse Programs.

Temporary Waivers may be granted for an individual up to a maximum of two years. Temporary waivers are not transferable from one school to another for several reasons.

1. No waiver can be granted unless at least 90% of full and part-time faculty are in compliance with Subsection 20-90-51 (b)(c) or (e) of this section. This needs to be verified at each school the faculty member chooses to be employed.
2. The area of teaching and the level of students the faculty member will teach may vary from school to school. Therefore when changing employment a new waiver request must be submitted to the Board of Examiners for Nursing (BOEN).

Permanent Waivers may be granted by the BOEN for the length of time the faculty member remains at the school for which the waiver was granted. Permanent waivers are not transferable from one school to another for the following reasons.

1. The area of teaching and the level of students the faculty member will teach may vary from school to school. The BOEN needs to determine if this is appropriate based on this individual's experience.
2. The advanced degree this faculty member possesses must be appropriate for the course work the faculty member engages in. This may vary from school to school. Therefore when changing employment a new request for a permanent waiver must be submitted to the BOEN.

PROTOCOL FOR REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAMS

Temporary Waiver Section 20-90-51(b)(2)

Nursing faculty preparing registered nurses (RNs) shall have earned advanced degrees in nursing and shall have appropriate nursing education in their teaching areas.

- A. An "advanced degree in nursing" means a master's or doctoral degree in nursing.
- B. The Board may grant a temporary waiver of the educational requirements of subdivision 20-90-51(b)(2) as documented above. A temporary waiver is given to address emergency situations, and a waiver may be granted for an individual up to a maximum of two (2) years.

- C. When granting a temporary waiver the BOEN considers the following: (Section 20-90-51 (d)(2)(3)(4))
1. Does the faculty member to be hired possess competence and recent experience as a registered nurse in the clinical area in which the faculty member will be teaching?
 2. Does the individual have recent experience teaching the level of student she will be required to teach in this program?
 3. Does the individual have a bachelor of science degree in nursing?
 4. Is the individual matriculating in a master of science degree in nursing program?

Therefore, the school submitting a request for a waiver for a registered nurse program faculty member, must include the following in their submission:

- A. An up-to-date resume which clearly identifies the individuals experience in each area of employment.
- B. The letter from the registered nurse program submitting the request, must clearly identify the following: courses this individual will teach; clinical areas this individual will work in; level of students this individual will be teaching. The resume should substantiate recent clinical experience or appropriate education in their teaching areas..
- C. The program must submit proof that the individual is matriculating in an MSN program.
 1. Please submit an official transcript of courses taken and a letter from the school the individual is attending substantiating the fact that the individual is in fact enrolled, including an expected date of graduating from the MSN program.
 2. Submit the number of part-time and full-time faculty. No waiver will be granted unless at least 90% of full and part-time faculty members are in compliance with subsection 20-90-51 (b)(c) or (e) of this section.
 3. Submit the number of waivers that the school has at the time of the waiver request.
 4. A temporary waiver may be renewed if deemed appropriate by the Board. The Board will review the progress of the faculty member toward completion of the MSN degree.
 5. If the prospective instructor's clinical area of expertise will not be utilized or if a number of years have passed since this experience the Board may request a plan of orientation for this instructor in an effort to prepare him/her for teaching and/or clinical area proposed. Guidelines for this orientation would be forthcoming at a Board meeting if the Board requests this information.
 6. A newly hired individual who meets all requirements and has been granted a temporary waiver but has not been an instructor before should be assigned to a mentor.
 7. Waiver requests should be submitted/faxed to the Board Office at 860-509-7553 no later than two weeks prior to the Board meeting. Board meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month with the exception of January, July, and August when they are only held on the third Wednesday of those months.

PLEASE NOTE: In addition all schools shall provide newly hired faculty with a mentor and an orientation which includes the philosophy, curriculum, clinical sites, and any other area deemed necessary, irregardless of #5 and #6.

PROTOCOL FOR A PERMANENT WAIVER

The Board, at its discretion, may grant a permanent individual waiver for faculty holding an advanced degree in a field other than nursing. Section 20-90-51 (e) Nursing Faculty

In evaluating a request by a nursing education program for a permanent waiver, the Board shall consider the appropriateness of the advanced degree for the particular course work the faculty member engages in. An advanced degree in nursing is defined as a master's or doctoral degree in nursing. (20-90-45 Definition of Terms)

When requesting a permanent waiver the nursing program must submit the following information.

- a. An up-to-date resume which clearly identifies the individual's experience in each area of employment.
- b. The clinical area teaching content, and level of student the individual will be assigned.
- c. An explanation as to how the individual's advanced degree is appropriate for the clinical and teaching area assigned.
- d. A copy of the document identifying the advanced degree.
- e. Documentation of recent clinical experience in the area assigned, and appropriate education.
- f. Timeliness of the clinical and educational experience.
- g. The assignment of a mentor and an orientation which includes the philosophy, curriculum, clinical sites, orientation to teaching methodologies, and any other areas deemed necessary.
- h. If the prospective instructor's clinical area of expertise will not be utilized or if a number of years have passed since this experience, the Board may request a plan of orientation for this instructor in an effort to prepare him/her for teaching and/or clinical area proposed. Protocols for this orientation would be forthcoming at a Board meeting if the Board requests this information.
- i. The waiver request should be submitted or faxed (860-509-7553) **two weeks** in advance of the next Nursing Board business meeting. Business meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month with the following exceptions: in December the business meeting is held on the third Wednesday and there are no business meetings held in January, July, and August.

SCHOOL ISSUES: RN AND LPN PROGRAM REVIEW CRITERIA

The Board reviewed the program review criteria for both LPN and RN programs. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to approve the RN program review criteria with two recommended changes and the LPN program review criteria was tabled to the November 1, 2006 meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES: INTERIM REPORT FOR SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION

The Board discussed the interim report for school self-evaluation reports. NLN-AC is one to eight years and CCNE is eight years and the Board had concerns as to what would happen in the interim. There has to be an on-going systematic plan for addressing criteria in all NLN-AC programs.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- Stephen Carragher will be attending the NCSBN IT Summit re: NURSYS in Chicago on November 6 & 7, 2006
- Chair Bafundo has been reappointed to the NCSBN Finance Committee for another two years
- Joan Dobbins will be assisting on the concerns regarding the anesthesia assistant program

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 6, 2006 meeting. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes from the September 20, 2006 meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 10:05 AM – 10:15 AM during which time Nancy Bafundo and Katherine Pellerin spoke with the students regarding an overview of the Board duties to protect the public.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARK POWER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mark Power. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Power was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that the Motion to Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order scheduling the hearing for October 18, 2006.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – NANCY INORIO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order packet for Nancy Inorio. Ms. Inorio was not present and did not have representation. The Board recommended that Ms. Inorio retake the NCLEX-RN exam after successfully completing a Board approved RN refresher program. In the Consent Order there should be a re-education course regarding boundaries and/or nurse ethics. There also needs to be updated information that Ms. Inorio is still following her treatment program.

CONSENT ORDER – ROBERT BARROWS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Robert Barrows. Mr. Barrows was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH MELLADY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Deborah Mellady. Ms. Mellady was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SANDRA SCHUTTE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Sandra Schutte. Ms. Schutte was present without representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bafundo who stepped out of the room. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – SUSAN OLANDER, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Susan Olander. Ms. Olander was not present. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Olander's license on probation for four years effective October 15, 2006. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bafundo who recused herself. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Memorandum of Decision.

HEARING – HEATHER BEAUREGARD, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:37 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing concluded at 11:40 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that the Ms. Beauregard be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Beauregard's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – TANIA THOMAS, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:45 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Thomas was present without counsel. Ms. Thomas requested a continuance which was granted to December 6, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 18, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

BROTHER FRANCIS SMITH

Chair Bafundo announced to the audience that LPN Board Member Brother Francis Xavier Smith passed away on October 11, 2006. Chair Bafundo was able to visit with Brother Francis at the hospital and he told her that his greatest accomplishment was being appointed to the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (BOEN) as an LPN Member by Governor M. Jodi Rell in April of 2005. Prior to his appointment to the BOEN Brother Francis religiously attended the BOEN meetings and was a regular on the agenda for updates, concerns, and information sharing. Brother Francis was also the President of the Connecticut Licensed Practical Nurses' Association (CLPNA) for eight years and we thank him for all he has done for the LPNs in the State of Connecticut. He was the heart and soul behind the CLPNA serving not only as its' President, but also attending and representing the LPNs of Connecticut at the State Capitol on the task force for nursing assistants, the task force on the nursing shortage, and the task force on school nursing. He always had the citizen's best interest at heart while advocating for qualified, competent LPNs. He displayed an enormous amount of energy and excitement when speaking for and to nurses about the dedication, commitment, and rewards of nursing. Brother Francis was always a team player – especially when the team (other professional organizations) may not have always welcomed the LPN. His sense of humor and his specialty chuckle won over even the least likely individual to appreciate his point of view and insight into today's ever growing issues. Brother Francis was not only a Board Member, he was also a friend. Everyone joined in a moment of silence to remember Brother Francis.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Vinal Tech LPN Program, Eli Whitney LPN Program, and Central Connecticut State University.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NICOLE BOUCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicole Boucher. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Boucher was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and the Board went into Executive Session from 9:15 AM to 9:20 AM. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied because there is no evidence of any immediate threat to public health and safety. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling a hearing for March 21, 2007.

CONSENT ORDER – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Matthew Dallachie. A Prehearing Review/Consent Order was denied by the Board on August 16, 2006 at which time the Board had requested additional information including the Respondent's statement to Drug Control. The Board also questioned why the proposed probation was only for two years. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded that the Consent Order for a four-year probation be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – MARK POWER, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Power was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Power. The hearing is continued to January 17, 2007 to allow Mr. Power to obtain documentation requested by the Board.

HEARING – ELIZABETH GARCIA, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:10 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Garcia was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Garcia. The hearing concluded at 10:26 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Garcia be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Garcia's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual terms. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – JEFFREY MESSINGER, RN/APRN

The hearing convened at 10:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Messinger was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 12:10 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded that Mr. Messinger be found on all charges except 10b. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Messinger's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA D. JOHNSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela D. Johnson. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Johnson was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 1, 2006. Ms. Johnson inquired as to a continuance of the November 1, 2006 hearing. She was advised to make a formal request after receiving the Notice of Hearing.

Lunch Recess 12:50 PM – 1:30 PM during which time Susan Neistein left for the day.

HEARING – JUDITH CULLEN, RN

The hearing convened at 1:30 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Cullen was present without legal representation. Testimony was provided by Judith Cullen. The hearing concluded at 3:35 PM and was continued to December 6, 2006 to allow Ms. Cullen to obtain current treatment information.

ADJOURNEMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:40 PM

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 1, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General (*available via telephone*)
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, DPH
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna M. Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

- Capital Community College
- Goodwin College – Update on NCLEX Plan of Correction
- Attorneys Martha Murray and Marilyn Clark Pellett, Discipline Issues

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from the observers.

UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at St. Vincent's College regarding scope of practice and regulations
- Chair Bafundo participated in a conference call with DPH and representatives of the nursing community
- Chair Bafundo attended a meeting regarding the statement on pain management modified to nursing
- Chair Bafundo did a presentation at University of Hartford regarding scope of practice and regulations
- Katherine Pellerin attended a CHA Focus Group Meeting with Liz Beaudin
- Maria Pietrantuono attended the CT Allied Health Policy Board Meeting

SCHOOL ISSUES – INTERIM REPORTS FOR SCHOOL EVALUATIONS

Cynthia Adams, Director of Nursing at Capital Community College, was present for this discussion. Ms. Adams attended the Deans and Directors meeting in October to discuss nursing accreditation by CCNE and NLN-AC.

NLN-AC programs are granted a maximum of eight years accreditation with no midterm report expected. The school must do an ongoing systematic evaluation plan as part of its self-monitoring. Therefore programs accredited by NLN-AC will submit an interim report to the BOEN at the four year point, which will be a two to three page executive summary of the systematic evaluation plan addressing the Board's criteria. Areas changed and/or problem areas will be addressed. The four-year report will put the schools/universities/colleges in sync with the national body. Any further information requested by the Board after review will be submitted.

CCNE accreditation is for a ten-year period with a mid-term report expected in five years. The college/university/school will submit this mid-term report to the BOEN as their evaluation report. Updates will be included as necessary. (The schools/universities/colleges will earmark in their reports criterions that reflect the Board's requirements. Criterion for the Board that is not included in the report for CCNE will be addressed. If the BOEN requests further information, this will be submitted.

Whenever a program enters conditional status, the Board will establish the guidelines for necessary reports.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

Dr. Barbara Piscopo, Chair and Professor of the Department of Nursing at Western Connecticut State University, presented her self-evaluation report to the Board. The Board found the program to be in compliance with the Regulations of Nursing Education Program and Licensure Requirements of the Public Health Code. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to approve the report submitted and congratulated the school on their excellent NCLEX scores for the years 2004, 2005, and 2006. The motion passed with all in favor. The next scheduled review is for November, 2011.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WINDHAM TECHNICAL SCHOOL LPN PROGRAM SURVEY REPORT

Connie Gibreault, Acting Department Head of the Windham Technical LPN Program, and Patricia Fennessy, Health Education Consultant, presented the Board with the program's five-year evaluation report. The Board reviewed the report and found the evaluation to be in compliance with the regulations. Ms. Gibreault submitted the updated video/DVD list, the revised organizational chart, and the library holdings. Ms. Fennessy has temporarily transferred one faculty member from Cheney Tech to provide clinical coverage for students at Windham. Thus freeing up the Department Head for administrative duties. The Board discussed the elimination of one faculty position in 2001 which still has not been replaced. The Board expressed concerns due to the fact that Windham has the space to expand their program, yet without an additional faculty member this cannot occur. Ms. Fennessy will bring this information to administration to request that an additional faculty member be assigned to Windham's program. The Board reviewed the Department Head's responsibilities and agreed that some functions could be delegated to the secretary. The Board congratulated the program on their excellent NCLEX results for 2004, 2005, and 2006 at 100%. Joan Dobbins moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – ABBOTT TECHNICAL SCHOOL LPN EVENING PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the report submitted in response to their questions at the September 6, 2006 Board Meeting regarding establishing an evening program at Abbott Technical High School in Danbury. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board approve the establishment of this evening program with the following concerns.

- A. The Department Heads are already expanding their roles by acting as substitutes when needed and providing theoretical and clinical coverage when necessary. This new program requires that the Department Heads provide support for the evening program, and if funding is not obtained they will flex their schedules to allow time in the evening to provide this support.
- B. There is a definite need to provide this program yet no funding is available for necessary faculty.
- C. Has secretarial support been allocated? At the meeting it was stated that fifteen secretarial hours per week would be requested for secretarial support for the Danbury Evening Program.

The Board requested frequent updates as to how the program is functioning. Since the projected start up time is January, 2007, the Board requested an update in June, 2007. The expected enrollment is 20 students, and the program will utilize the same class and laboratory as used by the day program in Danbury at Abbott Technical High School. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LPN PROGRAM REVIEW CRITERIA

The Board reviewed the LPN Program Review Criteria. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the criteria be approved. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVER PROTOCOLS

The Board reviewed the Protocol for Faculty Education Waivers. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Protocol for Faculty Education Waivers be approved. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES - CNE-Net NORTH DAKOTA RN REFRESHER PROGRAM UPDATE

The Board reviewed the request from CNE-Net, North Dakota Continuing Nursing Education Network to approve the RN Refresher Course to include eleven case studies. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to approve the revisions as documented in their letter dated September 11, 2006. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

Donna M. Canalis reviewed the NCLEX scores for both RN and LPN programs with the Board. At this time there were no concerns due to the recent updates we have received at the Board meetings.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski and Donna Canalis reviewed the recent calls received in the Board Office regarding nursing. The Board would like a clarification of “Wet Nurse” and Jennifer Filippone will follow up with this with the Office of the Attorney General. Also the Board has concerns over “nurse interns” and there was a recent request from an out of state Board and the Board would like to see the results of their survey of all Boards of Nursing.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATES

- Chair Bafundo will be attending the NCSBN Finance Committee Meeting in Chicago the week before Thanksgiving
- Katherine Pellerin and Jennifer Filippone attended a forum regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact
- Stephen Carragher will be attending a NURSUS meeting in Chicago on November 6th and 7th, 2006
- Jennifer Filippone will be attending a meeting in Virginia regarding a grant related to license portability
- NCSBN is launching their new Web Page this week and we should be receiving the updated log in information within the near future

Over the past year the NCSBN Web Steering Committee has worked diligently to redesign and reconfigure **ncsbn.org** into a more user friendly and effective tool for Member Boards and external audiences. Based upon feedback many changes were made to site navigation, the search engine and the archive function. Be assured that the wealth of content we have come to expect will still be readily available, but locating and accessing it will be faster and easier.

Many of the modifications specifically addressed the difficulties encountered by visitors to the site.

New and/or improved features include:

- Enhanced search capabilities
- Appropriate segmentation of departments and sections
- Appealing graphics and clean, uncluttered design
- Elimination of out-of-date information
- Archive of important papers, policies, images and data
- Improved navigation to the home page—just click the NCSBN logo anywhere within the site

DISCIPLINE MEETING UPDATE

Attorneys Marilyn Clark Pellett and Martha Murray were present for this discussion. Board Attorneys Pellett and Murray had concerns regarding the length of time it takes a case to come before the Board as a hearing and also as a Consent Order. They are also concerned about the Department's unreasonable requests for a complete set of discharge summary records or a complete set of records for their entire life which has nothing to do with the case.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER PECCERILLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Peccerillo. Ms. Peccerillo was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available via telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 18, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - LORETTA ARNOTT, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Loretta Arnott. Ms. Arnott was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available via telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 15, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - JUDY SMITH, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Judy Smith. Ms. Smith was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available via telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 15, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - AMANDA SMITH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amanda Smith. Ms. Smith was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available via telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 15, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Shannynn Cella. Ms. Cella was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was available via telephone to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 15, 2006.

CONSENT ORDER – THOMAS LONGO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Thomas Longo. Mr. Longo was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ORPHIA WILSON, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Orphia Wilson. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Cruz seconded to affirm the Board's decision to revoke Ms. Wilson's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:25 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 15, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivelisse Cruz, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General
Robert Kiley, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, DPH
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Norwich and Windham LPN Programs and the University of Hartford.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Nancy Inorio, RN

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MAUREEN MATTIA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Maureen Mattia. Ms. Mattia was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 6, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Blanchette. Ms. Blanchette was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 6, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHELLE SHEDD, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michelle Shedd. Ms. Shedd was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 6, 2006.

Joan Dobbins arrived at this time.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – VINCENT EUGENIO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Vincent Eugenio. Mr. Eugenio was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 6, 2006.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – CAROLYN CARLONI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Carolyn Carloni as Ms. Carloni has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Ms. Carloni was not in attendance and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the motion which passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – KAREN PARSONS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Karen Parsons. Ms. Parsons was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – NANCY INORIO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Nancy Inorio. Ms. Inorio was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CHASTITY OVERBY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle presented the Board with a Consent Order for Chastity Overby. Ms. Overby was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Katherine Pellerin moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION – MARCIA PARENT, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Marcia Parent. Katherine Pellerin moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Parent's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who abstained.

HEARING – JUDY SMITH, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:52 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smith was not present and did not have representation. Attorney Tilles make an Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted as Ms. Smith never filed an answer to the charges. The Board granted the motion. The hearing concluded at 10:00 AM. The Board completed the fact finding and then issued a remedy for this case. Later during the next hearing Ms. Smith arrived for her hearing. There was a scheduling error in the time on the Notice of Hearing. The hearing will be held later in this meeting after the Shannynn Cella hearing has been heard.

HEARING – AMANDA SMITH, RN

The hearing convened at 10:02 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smith was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Drug Control Agent Barry R. Cerreto and Amanda Smith, RN. The hearing concluded at 10:57 AM. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Smith be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Smith's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual probationary terms including no access to narcotics for one year. The Summary Suspension is to remain in place until the Memorandum of Decision is signed. Joan Dobbins then made a motion to lift the Summary Suspension on February 1, 2007, which was accepted and seconded by Patricia Bouffard, and passed with all in favor.

Recess 11:05 AM 11:12 AM

HEARING - LORETTA ARNOTT, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:14 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Arnott was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Arnott. Chair Bafundo left the room and Patricia Bouffard was Chair Pro Tem. Chair Bafundo returned during Ms. Arnott's testimony. The hearing concluded at 12:00 PM.

As Ms. Arnott had admitted to all the charges, Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Arnott be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Arnott's license be placed on suspension for an additional year during which time she is to provide the Board with the results of psychiatric evaluation in order for Ms. Arnott to find out why half of her nursing years have been under suspension and/or probation. Patricia Bouffard withdrew her motion. Katherine Pellerin raised a new motion to revoke Ms. Arnott's license. The motion was seconded by Joan Dobbins and passed unanimously.

Lunch Recess

HEARING - SHANNYNN CELLA, RN

The hearing convened at 1:00 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Cella was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Cella. The hearing concluded at 2:35 PM. The Department of Public Health had subpoenaed two witnesses who failed to appear at the hearing. The Board feels that they need additional information from these two witnesses either in their presence at the next hearing or in the form of a sworn affidavit. The hearing was continued to February 21, 2007 in Newington.

HEARING REOPENED – JUDY SMITH, LPN

The hearing was reopened at 2:40 PM due to a scheduling error in the time on the Notice of Hearing. At this time Ms. Smith approached the Board and requested a continuance to seek legal counsel. The request was granted and the hearing has been rescheduled for February 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM in Newington. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:45 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 6, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN, *Chair Pro Tem*
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Susan Neistein, APRN
Linda Sacheli, LPN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
John Titsworth, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Darren Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary I, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins called the meeting to order at 8:57 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins welcomed students from E. C. Goodwin, Henry Abbott, and Kaynor Tech LPN Programs

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Buckley-Bates, Chief of DPH Government Relations, was present to review DPH legislative initiatives for the 2007 Legislative Session. DPH proposals have been submitted to OPM although they have not yet been approved. After approval the legislative initiatives would then go to the Governor's Office for approval and then the Public Health Committee. The upcoming session starts on January 3rd. Ms. Buckley-Bates discussed the Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund, the Med Tech Bill, the proposal for an increase in civil penalties from \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00, and DPH has pulled the initiative which would eliminate the Board's signature on Consent Orders.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ANDREA BUTLER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Andrea Butler. Ms. Butler was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 16, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHARLES CARPENTER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Charles Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter was not present with counsel and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 20, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JUDY FOLLERT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Judy Follert. Ms. Follert was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 20, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA HIBSON

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Hibson. Ms. Hibson was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 20, 2006.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – EWA JURZYK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ewa Jurzyk. Ms. Jurzyk was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 20, 2006.

MOTION FOR INTERIM CONSENT – KEVIN CORMIER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Kevin Cormier. Mr. Cormier was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Interim Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER PECCERILLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Peccerillo. Ms. Peccerillo was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CHARLES RIVELLINI, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Charles Rivellini. Mr. Rivellini was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Patricia Bouffard moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Joan Dobbins who recused herself from this case. Patricia Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MATTHEW JANOWSKI, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Matthew Janowski. Attorney Kristin Connors was present representing Mr. Janowski who was not in attendance. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojcik presented the following Memoranda of Decision to the Board for signature.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – WILLIAM ZAJAC, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for William Zajac. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Mr. Zajac's license on probationary status for 2000 hours after he successfully completes a Board approved refresher program and the NCLEX-RN examination. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Memorandum of Decision.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – SUSAN DELVECCHIO, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Susan Delvecchio. Linda Sacheli moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Delvecchio's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Memorandum of Decision.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – CHRISTINE STASULLI, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Christine Stasulli. Linda Sacheli moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Stasulli's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Joan Dobbins signed the Memorandum of Decision.

HEARING – JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:48 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Blanchette was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing concluded at 10:08 AM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and John Titsworth seconded that Ms. Blanchette be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Blanchette's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MARK BILODEAU, RN

This second hearing convened at 10:12 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Bilodeau was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Bilodeau requested a continuance which was granted to May 16, 2007.

HEARING – LISA CHITTENDEN, RN

The hearing convened at 10:18 AM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Chittenden was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Chittenden. The hearing concluded at 11:04 AM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Chittenden be found on charges 1 through 8 only. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to vacate the Summary Suspension of Ms. Chittenden's registered nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Chittenden's license be reinstated to probation subject to the terms of the Consent Order dated February 15, 2006. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 11:20 AM – 11:30 AM

HEARING – MICHELLE SHEDD, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:32 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Shedd was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. There was no testimony provided. The hearing concluded 11:45 AM.

Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Shedd be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Linda Sacheli moved and Susan Neistein seconded that Ms. Shedd's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – JUDITH CULLEN, RN

The hearing convened at 11:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Cullen was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Cullen. The hearing recessed for lunch from 12:45 PM through 1:30 PM. Testimony by Ms. Cullen continued. The hearing concluded at 3:10 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Cullen be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Cullen's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – TANIA THOMAS, LPN

The hearing convened at 3:17 PM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Thomas was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Janice E. Wojick. The hearing concluded at 3:25 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Thomas be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Thomas' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:27 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 20, 2006 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Bafundo, RN
Patricia Bouffard, RN
Joan Dobbins, RN
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member
Linda Sacheli, LPN
John Titsworth, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Neistein, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing & Investigations, DPH
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Donna M. Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary I, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. Break 9:15 AM to 9:35 AM awaiting quorum.

STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the Bullard Havens LPN Program.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Revised agendas provided to the Board Members.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – STATEMENT ON PAIN MANAGEMENT

The initial draft was presented to the Board in June. This draft is endorsed by the CT Nurses' Association. The Board contributed language specific to nursing. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this statement on pain management and this document supersedes the previous document accepted by the Board. The motion passed with all in favor.

LICENSURE ISSUES

Stephen Carragher attended the NCSBN NURSYS User Group Meeting in Chicago on November 6 & 7, 2006. NURSYS is a secure database of personal information. Presently there are 21 states who have all of their information on the system. The remaining states participate but do not provide all of the information. Connecticut does not have a lot of their data electronically to participate in NURSYS. Jennifer Filippone went to a seminar in Virginia to talk about grant monies regarding the multistate licensure compact which is available only this year to the compact states. They are putting together a tool to work with fiscal impact to minimize the cost and hopefully this will be ready for the 2008 legislative session. There is a lot of work to be done on this issue.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming calls with the Board. The BOEN was asked to comment on whether Tuina Massage was within the scope of practice for a registered nurse. A letter and supporting literature was presented to the BOEN from Eudoxie Davis, RN, who explained that Tuina Massage was a type of Chinese massage based on the theory that all illnesses are a result of lack of free flow of Qi (or energy) in the body. Tuina Massage would encourage a more harmonious flow of Qi which allows the body to naturally heal itself and/or prevent illnesses. After discussion, the BOEN agreed the Tuina massage was within the scope of practice for a registered nurse; however, the nurse must demonstrate appropriate training and competency (Decision-Making Model).

Diane Cybulski will participate in the NCSBN Practice Consultant Networking Calls, which will promote discussion among the states and help identify current trends and issues regarding nursing scope of practice. The first call is scheduled to occur on January 21, 2007.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – FOLLOW-UP PLAN OF CORRECTION

Janice Costello, Director of the AD Program at Goodwin College was present to provide the Board with a report update on their plan of correction regarding NCLEX pass rates and a detailed report based on the last two classes. Ms. Costello will return on February 7, 2007.

SCHOOL ISSUES – YALE UNIVERSITY – EVALUATION EXTENSION REQUEST

The Board Office received a letter from Dr. Margaret Beal, Director of the Nursing Program at Yale University, requested an extension on their next review. This program was last reviewed by the Board in May of 2003. Their next review is scheduled for spring of 2008. The school is going to have a site visit by the NLNAC in spring of 2008, followed by a visit from the CCNE in the spring of 2009. The school is requesting that they reschedule the BOEN review until October 1, 2008. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant the school's extension request to October 1, 2008. The motion passed with all in favor.

**SCHOOL ISSUES - NAUGATUCK VALLEY & CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EVALUATION EXTENSION REQUESTS**

Cynthia Adams from Capital Community College was present for this discussion. In 2006 the BOEN extended the date for the Capital Community College (CCC) nursing program review from 2006 to spring 2007 and gave permission for the Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC) to submit their program report in conjunction with the statewide nursing program initiative major curriculum change report. The decision was based on the two nursing programs being part of the creation of the common nursing program and a fall 2007 implementation date for the initiative. The statewide nursing program curriculum change report was to be submitted to the BOEN in April 2007 for review at the May 2007 Board meeting.

Recently the implementation date for the statewide nursing program was amended to fall 2008. The five nursing programs are still expecting to submit the curriculum change report to the BOEN in April 2007 for review at the May 2007 for implementation of the changes in fall 2008.

Due to the common nursing program amended implementation date, CCC is requesting an extension for the nursing program review until fall 2008 which will allow faculty to incorporate the program review as part of the nursing initiative major curriculum report planned for submission to the BOEN in April 2007.

NVCC is requesting that the nursing program review, currently scheduled for spring 2007, be extended to allow for the report to be in conjunction with the nursing initiative major curriculum report.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the extension requests for CCC and NVCC. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Cynthia Adams, Director of the Nursing Program at Capital Community College, presented the Board with a request for a renewal of a temporary educational waiver for part-time clinical nursing instructor Josie Roy who is entering her last semester in the Masters in Nursing Program at the University of Hartford. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Roy be granted a waiver for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES - THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed documentation received from Linda Perfetto, Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Three Rivers Community College. Ms. Perfetto is requesting four waivers which are as follows.

Melissa Granados

Prior to this meeting, Ms. Perfetto withdrew her request for a waiver for Ms. Granados.

Laurie Matney

Ms. Matney is persevering in her academic plan of study toward a Masters Degree in Nursing at the University of Connecticut and expects to graduate in May 2007. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to table this waiver request until the transcript has been received by the Board Office. The information has since been received by the Board Office and Ms. Matney's waiver has been extended through May 2007.

Joan Graham

Ms. Graham has progressed in her studies toward her Masters Degree in Nursing at Drexel University and expects to graduate in May 2007. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the waiver request for Joan Graham be granted for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Edith Ouellet

Ms. Ouellet is fully matriculated at the University of Hartford as a graduate student in the Nursing Education program. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the waiver request for Edith Ouellet be granted for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE OF NURSING – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed documentation received from Margo McCarthy, Chairperson of the Nursing Program at St. Vincent's College, requesting a permanent waiver for a new clinical adjunct faculty member, Barbara Dingfelder, APRN, MPH, CHES. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to table this request until further documentation has been provided.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WESTERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed documentation from Dr. Barbara Piscopo, Chair of the Nursing Program at Western CT State University. Dr. Piscopo was present to request a waiver for Robin Ferrante, BS, RN, so that she may be given an adjunct appointment at WCSU. Ms. Ferrante is currently enrolled in WCSU's MS In Nursing Program (Advanced Practice: Clinical Nurse Specialist – Adult Health) and will graduate in May 2007. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to grant this request for one year. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – FIVE YEAR EVALUATION

Dr. Janice Thompson, Chair of the Department of Nursing, was present for this evaluation. The educational outcomes reflective of the new regulations are being integrated into the curriculum. The Board stated that the workload for the administrator of 50% for administrative responsibilities and 50% for teaching, is reflective of a heavy workload for teaching. The school must obtain a code for the Accelerated BSN Program by contacting Deborah Brown at 860-509-7565. Beginning with the class of 2010, the new university curriculum will be initiated. If substantive changes are made this must be reviewed and approved by the Board. The facility is working to meet the standards to become a holistic endorsed program by the American Holistic Nurse Certification Corporation. Evaluations need to be revised to include program outcomes. The university is doing weekend and evening classes to accommodate the clinical component.

NCLEX pass rate range from 93% in 2002 to 96% in 2005 and 98% in 2006. Contracts must be reviewed annually and renewed every three years per the regulations. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept this five-year evaluation and grant the program full approval. The motion passed with all in favor. Dr. Thompson noted that starting in 2009 the school will be increasing their admission's requirement to 3.0.

Break 11:05 AM – 11:17 AM

SCHOOL ISSUES – E.C. GOODWIN LPN PROGRAM – FIVE-YEAR EVALUATION

Ted Moskowitz, Department Head, and Patricia Fennessy, Consultant, were present for this discussion. The Board reviewed the five-year evaluation which was in compliance with the regulations. Additional information provided by Mr. Moskowitz was as follows: revised organizational chart, two-year progress report based on NEASC recommendations, and the revised library holdings with dates. The school is under renovations and will be required to move to a portable classroom in 2007. Blue prints and been reviewed and it appears that appropriate space will be available for the students. This was discussed with the Board and the Board also reviewed the Department Head's responsibilities. NCLEX results for the past three classes were 86.2% for 2002, 93.8% for 2004, and 93.1% for 2005. Donna Canalis met with students which resulted in the following positive comments: good clinical rotations, three hospital rotations provided them with very diverse populations, and a variety of experiences, classroom content always reflects clinical rotation experiences, and faculty are excellent and always available for mentoring. Negative comments were as follows: the desks are for high school students and are very uncomfortable for adults, students are not allowed to leave campus during the day, and the high attrition rate is usually due to personal reasons. Regarding clinical rotation, Donna Canalis observed students at the New Britain General Hospital with oncology clients, telemetry unit clients, and medical surgical clients. Experiences included G-tube feedings, insulin administration, Lovenox injections, and medication administration decubitus ulcer dressing change. One student was working in the team leader role. Post Conference included patient case review and NCLEX review questions. Students also had an observational experience in the dialysis unit. Ms. Canalis also observed faculty and teaching in the classroom. Both Mr. Moskowitz and Ms. Cavanaugh were grandfathered in with the new regulations.

SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER & CHESTER INSTITUTE – ROCKY HILL SITE APPROVAL

Phyllis DelMastro presented the Board with their Feasibility Study for the purpose of establishing a new site in Rocky Hill with a projected start up date of Fall 2007. This site will be at Waterchase Drive in Rocky Hill and the building will be a modular training site with 3,200 square feet. The plan is for a full-time day program that is 15 months in length (230 days). The start up will include 20 students with expansion to 40 students; year one will be 20 students, year two will be 20 students, and year three will be 40 students. Four faculty will be hired. Three long-term care facilities have a contractual relationship with the school, and one acute care facility at this time. Future plans include additional training sites in Enfield, Stratford, and Branford. The schools first graduating class will be April, 2007.

The following questions, recommendations were discussed and need to be addressed.

- What is the retention rate for the present class scheduled to graduate April 2007?
- What revisions have been made to retain students? What will you do differently in this new program?
- Why are students leaving the program?
- The Board commented that they hesitate to approve a new program, when a graduation has not yet occurred. The Board would like a summary of how the Watertown class is progressing.
- The Board is seeking additional data to support the need for a program in this area particularly because there are five schools already established in this catchment area.
- The majority of the data presented comes from high schools and staffing agencies. How valid is this data and in actuality where do the majority of students come from, now only in your program but in other LPN programs?
- The Board would like an explanation of how the possible duplicity of these numbers can be factored in.

NCSBN UPDATE

- Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Finance Committee meeting in Chicago in November
- Diane Cybulski participated in the NCSBN Monthly Networking Call regarding the commonality of scope of practice questions
- Chair Bafundo participated in a Teleconference Policy Call

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OCTOBER 4, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 4, 2006. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who abstained.

OCTOBER 18, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for October 18, 2006. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who abstained.

NOVEMBER 1, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for November 1, 2006. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who abstained.

NOVEMBER 15, 2006

The Board reviewed the minutes for November 15, 2006. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

Legal Office Staff Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tracy Shugrue. Ms. Shugrue was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for January 17, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LAURIE PITKIN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Laurie Pitkin. Ms. Pitkin was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. John Titsworth moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for January 17, 2007.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ruth Dushay. Ms. Dushay was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and John Titsworth seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. The Notice of Hearing was signed by Chair Bafundo scheduling the hearing for April 18, 2007. It was the recommendation of the Board that this be settled by Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – TARA ANN HYLINSKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Tara Ann Hylinski. Ms. Hylinski was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CAROLYN KNIGHT, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Carolyn Knight. Ms. Knight was present with counsel, Attorney David Robertson. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order as modified. During the discussion the Board suggested additional language concerning review of medication administration. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KELLY RUDY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kelly Rudy. Ms. Rudy was not present and did not have representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded the motion to table this Consent Order in order to allow the Department of Public Health to obtain additional information. If this additional information is received today to the satisfaction of the Board, the Board Chair is authorized to sign the Consent Order upon receipt. The passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – NICOLE BOUCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nicole Boucher. Ms. Boucher was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JEAN LAVIN CAPLAN, RN, APRN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Jean Lavin Caplan. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Lavin Caplan's license on probation for one year. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of John Titsworth who abstained.

HEARING – JUDY FOLLERT, RN

The hearing convened at 12:45 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Follert not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 1:05 PM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Follert can be found on paragraphs 1, 3, and 5. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Follert's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – EWA JURZYK, RN

The hearing convened at 1:09 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Jurzyk was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Jurzyk and Laura Frescarelli, RN. The Board recessed for lunch at 1:25 AM and testimony resumed at 2:10 PM. The hearing concluded at 2:30 PM. Fact Finding will take place on January 17, 2007 due to lack of a quorum.

HEARING – CRYSTAL MOORE, RN

The hearing convened at 2:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Moore was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Kathleen Cohen, RN. John Titsworth left at 3:15 PM. The hearing concluded at 4:04 PM and will be continued to January 17, 2007 at 9:00 AM in Newington. This hearing will be placed as the first item on the Board's agenda followed by the Fact Finding for Ewa Jurzyk.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:05 PM.